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DEC. 21st,
1944.

The Grimsby Independent

Bring Peace on Earth



Christmas
1944

'WAY BACK WHEN

Frank Fairbairn, Jr.

REVEREND F. J. LUNDY
1849-1907

Shortly after Mr. Groat's death, the Reverend F. J. Lundy, a graduate of the University of Oxford, England, with the degree of D.C.L., came and preached to the parishioners of St. Andrew's. One report states that "The sermon was considered a good one for the occasion and afterward a subscription paper was circulated and quite a number of names and a handsome amount of money was thereupon subscribed." It also states that "As the original list which was, we believe, drawn up by Dr. Lundy himself has been the subject of much legal and critical discussion, we here give the heading thereof in full:-

"We, the undersigned, promise to pay to the Church Wardens of St. Andrew's church, Grimsby, in half yearly payments, commencing on the 1st day of July next, ensuing, the sums opposite to our names to provide a stipend for the Rector of this Parish, such sums to be considered annual subscriptions for this purpose." Grimsby, Niagara District, June 18th, 1849.

As is pointed out in the previous history of St. Andrew's, Mr. Linus Woolverton suppressed much in the records he gathered, and wrote soft phrases where harsher ones were most in evidence. And



this may well apply in the case of Dr. Lundy. Yet it is also true that perhaps of all the clergymen who ministered to the needs of the parish in the years of long ago, the name of Dr. Lundy comes most often to mind. And I venture to suggest that it was not because he was a highly educated scholar and able preacher but because of other very human and not altogether godly characteristics. And because too we are apt to find the disputed passage the one longest remembered.

And according to all reports there were many disputed passages in the eighteen years of Dr. Lundy's incumbency, in fact there were several lawsuits recorded.

And if one reads the resolutions of the first and second vestry meetings after Dr. Lundy's arrival, it becomes evident that the grounds for future stormy passages were already in the making. Note:- "Resolved—that the rents arising from the pews be applied to the payments of the Rector's stipend and that the deficiency be made up by taxing the members of the Church on their property, according to the last assessment roll."

Rather a high-handed procedure! Or so the parishioners evidently thought because at the next vestry meeting, we read—"The part of the resolution referring to the assessment roll was rescinded."

The next item of dispute recorded was at a vestry meeting on the 9th June, 1860, when it was resolved that "The Rector be requested to remove from the altar the candlesticks which he had presented to the Church."

According to one explanation, Dr. Lundy found the lighting in the church inadequate and so pur-

chased the candlesticks and candles to aid him in reading the service. But some of the parishioners decided that it was because the Doctor had high-church leanings and, it is said, that when the Rector's gift first appeared one of the said parishioners stalked solemnly down the aisle and blew the candles out.

There are many other stories told about the controversies in the parish, many of which are no doubt highly exaggerated, but as time went on the greater portion of the congregation, who had signed the original subscription list, refused to contribute further to the Rector's stipend. And in 1865, the Churchwardens representing Dr. Lundy brought suit against several subscribers to force them to pay their subscriptions.

The case was brought to court in Smithville before Judge Campbell and he decided that the subscribers should pay for the time already past and for their current six months and, this having been done, no further demand was made upon them.

In Feb. 1864, a similar case was brought against another subscriber who had moved away from Grimsby and then returned. The report of which was published in the 'Evening Times' of Hamilton. It says in part:-

"It is asserted by those opposed to Dr. Lundy that as a matter of fact nearly all the old settlers, representing much the greater portion of the property and respectability of Grimsby and parts of adjoining townships, have left the communion of the Church of England or ceased to identify themselves as members or adherents thereof. The consequence is, they say, that while other churches which fifteen years ago had scarcely foothold in Grimsby, are now flourishing and increasing in strength, the church which they used to regard as their own, what was then the Church in Grimsby is now disorganized and almost in process of dissolution. They regretfully say we may say bitterly, contrast the former state of things with the present and lay all the blame of the change upon Dr. Lundy. It need scarcely be added that they take none of it to themselves."

In this case the Judge, in summing up, said that certain letters which had been produced were decisive against the plaintiffs, putting their case out of court. Therefore he ordered a non-suit to be recorded.

One may surmise that the law suits only served to widen the breach between the congregation and Dr. Lundy and three years later, in March, 1867, Dr. Lundy retired from the parish of St. Andrew's.

A year later the following notice of his death appeared in the Newburgh, N.Y. Daily Journal:-

"The Rev. F. J. Lundy of St. Paul's church of this city, who was stricken down by paralysis on Sunday while officiating in the Church, died at 1 p.m. today at his residence in Chambers Street near First. As from his often expressed wish, he literally died in harness, for from the time he was taken from the church he gave no token of consciousness until the time his soul returned to the bosom of its God."

Dr. F. J. Lundy was born in Yorkshire, England, on Sept. 22nd, 1814, and was therefore in the fifty-fourth year of his age at the time of his sudden removal from among us. He was educated at the University of Oxford, from which institution he received the designation of D.C.L. He came to Canada in 1836 and was at once engaged as headmaster of the Quebec Classical School. He married in 1837 the second daughter of the Hon. Jonathan Sewell (Sewell?) Chief Justice of the province of Canada. The union was blessed by seven children, five of whom are still living.

When McGill College was founded at Montreal he was appointed principal of that institution. From thence he removed to Niagara where he became assistant at St. Mark's Church. In 1849 he was appointed Rector of St. Andrew's Grimsby, Upper Canada where he remained till 1865 (1867?). He then came to New York where he was for some time engaged in literary labours, translating several works from the French and contributing to the columns of the New York Times and other journals. Subsequently he became Classical Master at Mount Washington Collegiate Institute and he also had temporary charge of Christ Church, Elizabeth, N.J.

In the latter part of the summer 1867 he was called to officiate at St. Paul's Church in this city during the absence of the Rev. Hobart Chestwood, who was compelled to seek relief from his labours by reason of ill health. Here on Sunday last while discharging his duties as a minister of God, at the very Altar of God's Church and before the congreg-

gation of worshippers of God, Dr. Lundy was stricken down by the cold hands of death."

THE OLD PRINTER

A printer stood at his "case" one night
(And a very "hard case" was his)
And the weary night was dim as the light
Of a lamp in a dusty prison.
The wintry winds were blowing without,
And the snow falling thick and fast,
But the printer, I trow, shook his locks of snow,
And laughed at the fleeting blast.
He watched the clock while the hands crept round,
Keeping time with his snail-like tick,
As he gathered the type with a weary click,
In his old rust-eaten "stick."

His hair was as white as the fallen snow—
And silently, day by day,
He beheld them with grief, like the autumn leaf,
"One by one, passing away."
Time had cut with its plow furrows deep in his brow,
His cheek was furrowed and thin,
And his long "Roman" nose could almost repose
Its head on his grey-beard's chin;
So with fingers long, as the hours stole on,
Keeping time with the clock's dull tick,
He gathered the type with a weary click,
In his old rust-eaten "stick."

For many long years, through joy, through tears,



"The Hospital on The Hill"

West Lincoln Memorial Hospital

INCORPORATED UNDER THE COMPANIES' ACT OF ONTARIO
AS A PUBLIC GENERAL HOSPITAL

Merry Christmas and Good News in the coming year

We look forward with confidence and in anticipation of opening our doors for service early in the new year.

ANOTHER UTILITY OWNED AND OPERATED BY THE PEOPLE OF WEST LINCOLN COUNTY.

A Thought For Christmas

IT IS NEARER—oh, how much nearer! The day when men of good will shall gather together to seek an abiding peace for the world. The Star of Bethlehem shines more brightly this Christmas Season than it did yesteryear. Its portents again look to peace on earth.

But our rejoicing must be tempered with thoughtful realization of days still ahead when many of our people must walk through the valley of the shadow. Let us make the Holiday Season a time to reflect on what must yet be done.

Let us quicken our sympathies, so that we may be ready to aid those who are doing their all to aid their brother man and who may suffer for their sacrifices. Let us be ready to extend the hand of sincere help to those who may be bereaved.

But, above all, let us once more dedicate ourselves here at home to unstinting and unrelenting service—to the doing of our share, each of us, to speed the Victory by ardent effort in our toil and by increased support of the war effort.

This resolved, we may then say in our hearts...

Merry Christmas

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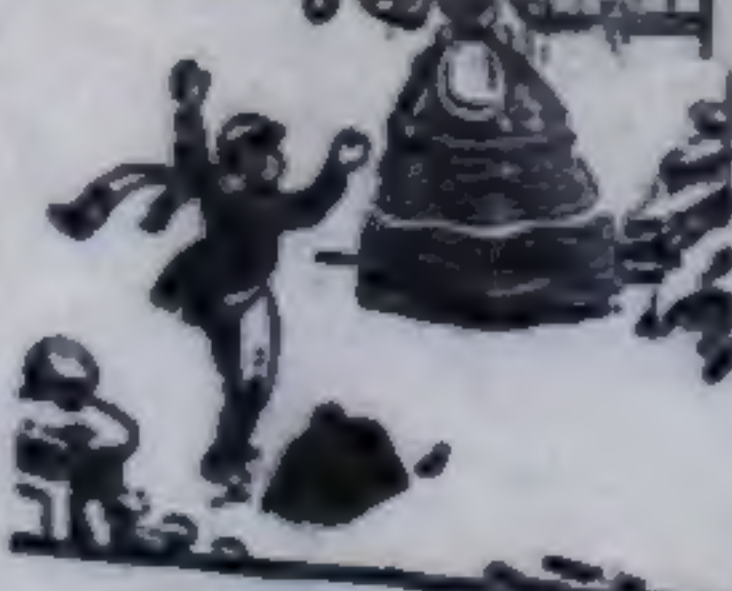
Miss Americas Help Miss Canadas



Vancouver recently held its eighth Civic Stamp Day. Assisting Miss Canada Virginia Jenks, Shirley McCaig and Betty Russell were the three hefty helpers in the above picture. The three elephants, appearing with the circus at a local theatre, and totaling 13 tons of pachydermic loveliness, toured the streets of Vancouver. Every person who purchased ten dollars' worth of War Savings Stamps or Certi-

ficates received two free tickets to the circus. During the hour and a half the elephants were doing their stuff, the young Miss Canada girls sold \$750 worth of War Savings Stamps. The three four-legged beauties, Julia, Jenny and Lena, have sold about \$1,500,000 worth of War Bonds in the United States.

Christmas Greetings



This is the season of joy and goodwill. May we therefore make it the occasion to express our appreciation of your patronage during the closing year and to wish you continued happiness and prosperity throughout 1945.

GRIMSBY MEAT MARKET

W. H. BETTS



Season's Greetings

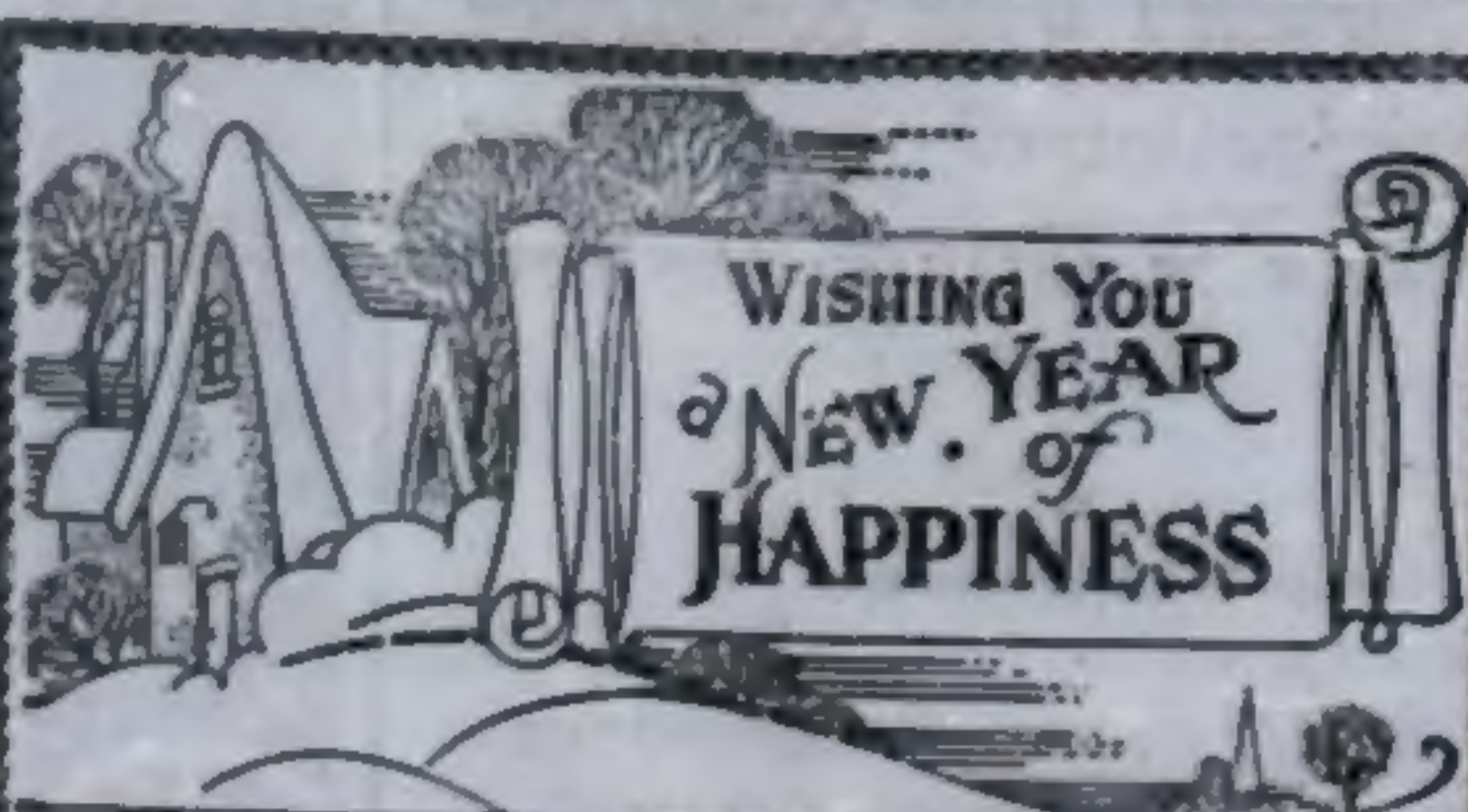
In a world changing almost daily, this one festive season lasts, and will last, to bring us a feeling of sameness which each year becomes a pleasant memory or a joyous anticipation. Christmas will always be with us, bringing us something that no other season brings.

STONEHOUSE FUNERAL HOME

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EWART L. STONEHOUSE

Grimsby



YOURS FOR A JOYOUS CHRISTMAS

Our Sincere Hopes For Your Holiday—May It Be One of Pleasure and Satisfaction—Bringing Joy To You and All of Yours.

CURRENT AND BETZNER

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Season's Greetings



Mistletoe . . . Yule logs . . . bright red trimmings . . . lights and bells . . . all a part of the gay Christmas scene, whether you mark the holiday in a simple family circle or in a pretentious formal gathering . . . all a part of the Christmas spirit no matter the clime or station of life . . . all saying the same thing—Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men.

DYMOND'S DRUG STORE

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BEST WISHES FOR A JOYOUS CHRISTMAS AND A NEW YEAR OF PROSPERITY IS OUR BEST WISH TO ALL

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Grimsby, Ont.

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MILADY

THE FOURTH WISE MAN—

At the date palm grove by the desert well
They had camped with in the eastern darkness fell:
Melchior, Caspar, Balthazar.
They were lords of the East who sought the Star.
They were three great kings on a mission met;
But the fourth, and the greatest, came not yet.

All night, from the sand ridge, watched a man,
Hawk-eyed, for the royal caravan.
But the desert paled from dusk to dawn
As the groaning camels rose at dawn.
Balthazar, Caspar, Melchior,
Went on, with the day, toward the Star.

They had watched in vain for the caravan
Of the greatest mage and the fourth wise man;
But he never came. He was not with them
On the night by the Crib in Bethlehem.
Yet the Saviour, knowing all things, knew
That the absent prince to his tryst was true:

That the noblest king had turned aside,
In mercy's name, from his wealth and pride,
When he saw the fate of tortured beast
And tolling man in the pagan East.
He had left his throne and his magian law
To work for the Christ he never saw.

YULETIDE CEREMONIES OLD-TIME CUSTOM

Our ancestors had numerous ceremonies pertaining to Christmas that are half forgotten today.

There was a pretty superstition connected with the decoration of houses with evergreen. It was believed that evil spirits might flock to the branches and remain unharmed by frost until a milder season.

The popular expression, "sub rosa," meaning anything told in confidence, was derived from the old custom of guests wearing chaplets of holly, mistletoe, ivy and rosemary at the annual festivals where a rose garland was hung over the tables. The expression, "beneath the mistletoe," is said to have the same derivation.

And then we learn of the old superstition that oxen fell on their knees on Old Christmas, January 6. The belief was based on the medieval notion that the cattle in the stable, witnessing the Nativity, fell upon their knees in supplication.

Those who know something of the times of Charles II, are familiar with the astonishing menus served guests by the noble hosts of that day. And those among the readers of these lines who imagine they will dine sumptuously when partaken of their roast turkey, cranberry sauce and all the "fixings" when the day of days arrives, should meditate on the following account of an almost unbelievable Christmas pie which is told about in the Newcastle Chronicle, January 3, 1770:

"Monday last was brought from Howick to Berwick, to be shipped to London, for Sir Henry Grey, Bart., a pie, the contents whereof are as follows, viz.: 2 bushels of flour, 20 pounds of butter, 4 geese, 2 turkeys, 2 rabbits, 4 wild ducks, 2 woodcocks, 6 snipes and 4 partridges; 2 peat's tongues, 2 curlews, 7 blackbirds, and 6 pigeons. The Christmas pie was made by Mrs. Dorothy Patterson, housekeeper at Howick. It is near 8 feet in circumference at the bottom, weighs about 12 stones, will take two men to present it at table; it is neatly stowed with a case and four small wheels to facilitate its use to every guest that inclines to partake of its contents at table."

Rest, Peaceful Rest

Here is an advertisement in the Personal Column of a Toronto daily not long ago: "Will anyone knowing the whereabouts of Mrs. G. . . . G. . . . mother of Dorval, John, Austin, Jane, Donald, Marlene, Robert, Gary, Brian and Carl, please notify (phone number)." Maybe Mrs. G. G. wanted a few days peace and quiet, that's all.

Cure For Homesickness

One of the Polish women officers who recently travelled through Canada thought that of all the strange things she had noted about U.S. soldiers was their odd cure for homesickness. She observed that it was quite a common practice amongst them to carry two watches. When she asked the reason, she was told that one was for the time in their home town, the other for whatever country they happened to be in. When ever they felt homesick they glanced at the home town watch and according to the hour could see the folk gathering at the post-office for the mail or waiting for trains to come or, if it was a farm, going for the cows. Sufferers from homesickness, however, usually find that the more they think of home, the greater is their longing for it.

He Always Was Curious

So Andy Clark wants to know why the younger set have sleeves in their coats, but don't use them! Better confine that mode to the city girl, Andy, for we don't do it around here. But I might offer a solution to the mystery. The poor guy, haven't time to slip into them wholly. While we lucky people are donning our workaday garb in the customary leisurely fashion, our city sisters are rushing (no "running" as city laws won't countenance sprinting any more) to catch a streetcar for a half hour's ride to work. It's a wonder to me that some of them are dressed at all, with the little time reserved to dress and breakfast. So, Andy, look at the sleeveless coat situation with tolerance, and consider yourself fortunate that they've had at least time to don something to fully cover them.—Dorothy Elva Curry, Tweed News.



CANADIAN ARMY PHOTO

It is becoming more and more common today for people to keep tabs on their health by having periodic chest X-rays. They have learned that tuberculosis may cause their long months of idleness unless it is detected through X-raying, in its early stages. An educational campaign to teach the importance of periodic chest examinations is supported by the sale of Christmas Seals.



Yuletide Greetings

THE WARM RAYS OF FRIENDSHIP
Make the whole world kin at this season. Our greetings to you and yours.

THEAL BROTHERS

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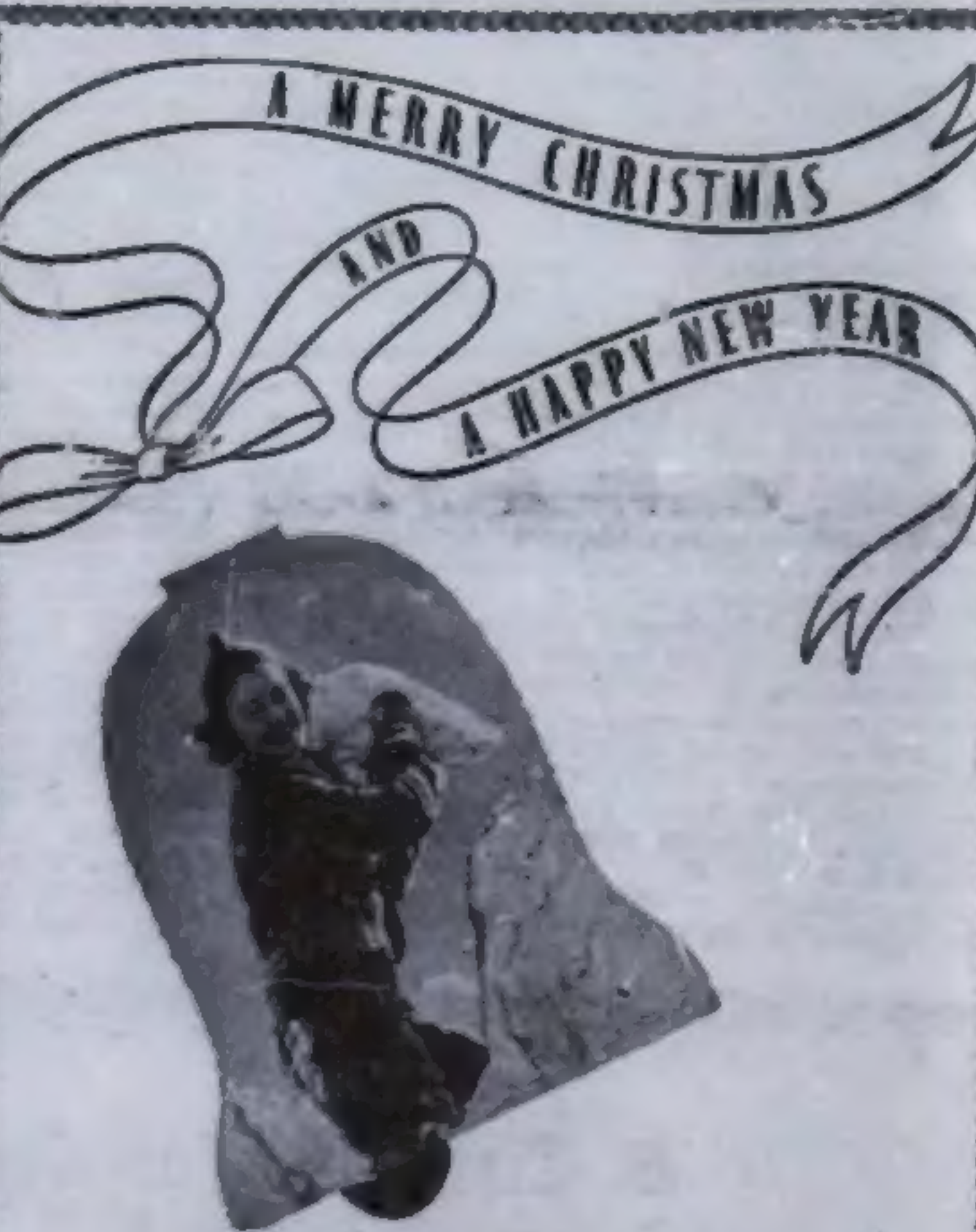
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That's the Happy New Year Wish we extend to all of our friends. May victory in health, happiness and prosperity be yours for the years to come.

SMITH'S SHOE STORE

GROWERS COLD STORAGE
AND ICE CO., LTD.

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The Greatest Gift
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GOOD HEALTHMERRY CHRISTMAS...
.. HEALTHY NEW YEAR

In Appreciation of Many Evidences of Your
Friendly Good Will We Send Cordial
Greetings of the Season.

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For Christmas And The New Year.

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GRIMSBY NATURAL GAS
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We Wish All Our
Clients A
Merry Christmas
And Good Luck In
The New Year

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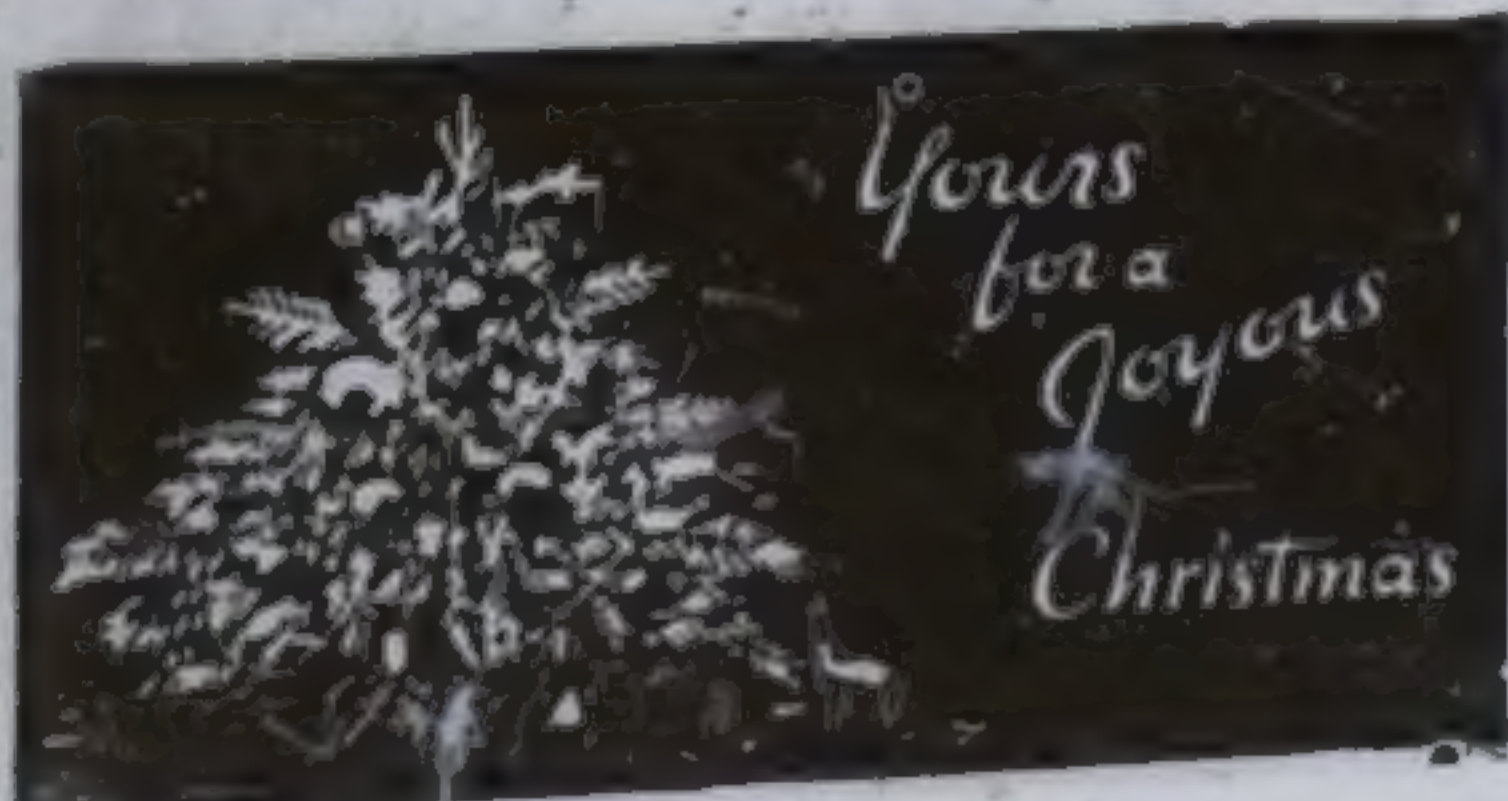
Best Wishes
for the
Coming Year

That's Our Christmas And New Year Wish to You
And Yours.

JOHNSON'S HARDWARE

Phone 21

Grimsby



Yours
for a
Joyous
Christmas

It isn't far to Bethlehem town!
It's anywhere that Christ comes down
And finds in people's friendly face
A welcome and abiding place;
The road to Bethlehem runs right through
The homes of folks like me and you.

J. W. BAKER

1 Main E.

Grimsby

THE MIXING BOWL

By ANNE ALLAN

Hyd. Home Economist

Season's Greetings, Homemakers! It is our sincere wish that this may be the last wartime Christmas and that the New Year may bring us the blessing of an enduring peace. May we all realize our cherished hopes as we go forward together along the widening horizons of to-morrow.

Hot Christmas Punch

1 pound cranberries, 4 cups water, 1 tsp. grated orange rind, 1 tsp. grated lemon rind, 1 cup honey, 1 cup orange juice, 1/2 cup lemon juice, 2 cups additional water. Cook cranberries with the four cups of water and grated rinds. Remove from element. Add remaining ingredients and serve.

Sausage Stuffing

1/2 lb. sausage meat, 1/2 cup diced celery, 2 tbsps. minced parsley, 1 tbsp. minced onion, 1/4 tsp. sage, 2 cups soft bread crumbs. Cook sausage meat, celery, parsley and onion slowly for about 10 minutes. Add remaining ingredients, mix well and stuff fowl.

Roast Fowl

Clean and singe fowl. Hold over a candle flame, turning to burn off hairs. Scrub, stuff and truss fowl. Put stuffing in by spoonfuls in neck end, using enough to fill the skin so that the bird may look plump when served. When cracker stuffing is used, allow for the swelling of crackers. Put remaining stuffing in body; if skin is full, sew skin.

Cross drumsticks, tie securely with string and fasten to tail. Draw neck skin under the fasten back. Place wings close to body and hold them by inserting skewers or turned back and inverted. Rub fowl with cooking fat. Roast with flour.

Place in deep roast pan and put in pre-heated electric oven at 350 degrees. Allow 15 minutes per pound for 12 to 15 pound bird; 35 minutes per pound for 4 to 8 pound bird. Baste and salt when partly cooked.

Raw Beet Salad

3 cups grated raw beets, 2 tbsps. grated onion, salt and pepper, lemon juice or French dressing. Combine the raw beet and onion and season to taste with salt and pepper. Add enough lemon juice or French dressing to moisten slightly and serve on salad greens. Six servings.

Hot Water Pantry

1/2 cup lard or mild flavoured fat, 1/2 cup boiling water, 1 1/2 tbsps. salt, 3 cups all-purpose flour. Cream fat and stir in the boiling water, a little at a time; cool slightly. Add salt and flour, mixing with a quick-cutting motion; do not stir. Chill before rolling. Makes one double crust for mince-meat pie.

Frozen Rum Pudding

2 eggs (separated), 1 1/2 cups milk, 1/2 cup sugar, 1 tsp. cornstarch, 1/4 tsp. cinnamon, 1/4 tsp. ginger, 1/2 sp. salt, 1/2 cup sieved pumpkin, 1 tsp. rum flavouring, 1/2 cup of chopped raisins, 1/2 cup chopped nuts (if obtained). Beat egg yolks; add milk. Mix sugar, cornstarch, cinnamon, ginger and salt; add milk mixture. Cook over hot water, stirring con-



stantly until thickened. Add pumpkin; cool. Add rum flavouring. Beat egg whites stiff. Pour into freezing tray of electric refrigerator; set control to coldest degree. Freeze to mush. Put in chilled bowl and beat smooth. Add nuts and raisins. Return to freezing tray and continue freezing. Serves 4 or 5.

Coffee Sauce

1 cup corn syrup, 1 cup rich milk, 1 1/2 tbsps. butter, 1/2 tsp. vanilla. Combine corn syrup, milk and butter and heat in top of double boiler until well blended. Add the vanilla and serve warm. Makes two cups.

Information Re Butter Rationing

By January 1 the country's total supply of butter will be equal to 3 pounds for each person holding a ration book.

During January, February, March and April, the yearly period of low production, the total amount of butter produced will be about equal to 5 pounds per person holding a ration book.

This gives a total of 8 pounds per person. Out of this amount we must put aside enough for the Armed Services, hospitals, the Red Cross, public eating places and other non-coupon users. The Red Cross puts a pound of butter in every prisoner-of-war parcel. The total amount which must be put aside for non-coupon users reduces the amount available for each coupon user from 5 pounds to 4 pounds.

Six pounds of butter spread over four months allows a ration of a pound and a half per month.

Accordingly, the following changes will be made.

Instead of butter coupons coming good in pairs, only one coupon will become valid at a time.

Instead of butter coupons expiring at the end of each month, they will remain valid until declared invalid, like sugar and preserves coupons. This will enable house-holders to spread the reduced ration over the period of shortage and there will be no need for them to cash coupons until the butter is really needed.

Instead of four coupons coming good each month one coupon will become valid on the second, third and fourth Thursdays of January, February and March and on the first, second and third Thursdays in April.

Valid dates for butter coupons for the first four months of 1945 therefore will be as follows:

January	4	March	1
11	32	8	26
14	33	15	30
25	34	22	100
February	1	29	—
8	35	April	5
15	36	12	102
22	37	19	103
		26	—

Betty Fisher, speed personified. One never knows whether she is going to a job or coming from one, but she sure is stepping.

Proud Of His Produce



This Army baker, Pte. Gordon McMaster, of Brighton, Ont., proudly displays a iced cake which he turned out at a cooking school operated by the Royal Canadian Army Service Corps in England. Army cooks must learn how to bake bread, buns, pies and other staples as well as more fancy products, and to take under field service conditions far different from the modern kitchens of permanent Army camps.



Best Christmas Wishes

(MRS.) BESSIE K. MOORE
"DICK" and "BUDDY" SHAFER



Season's
Greetings...

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO WISH YOU ALL THE FINEST CHRISTMAS SEASON YOU HAVE EVER EXPERIENCED. AND WE HOPE THE YEAR TO COME WILL BRING YOU SUCCESS, GOOD HEALTH AND HAPPINESS.

J. H. GIBSON

PHONE 60

24 MAIN ST. E.



May Your Yuletide
Be a Happy One

We hope that your Christmas is full of good cheer and that the New Year holds great potentialities for success and prosperity.

THE WHITE STORE

S. LEVINE

8 Main St. W.

Telephone 420



Yuletide Happiness to All

If We Were Skowriters—

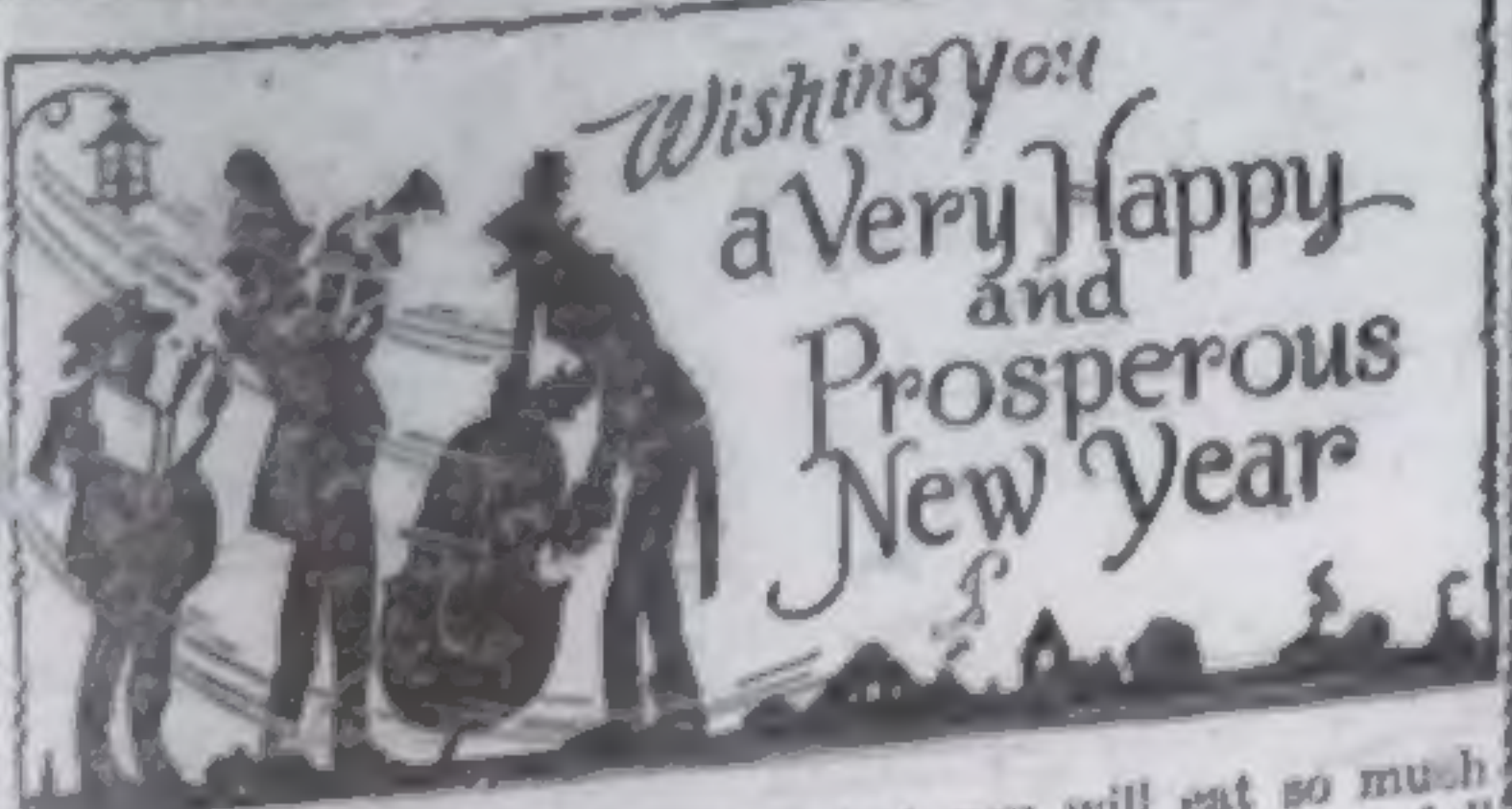
Instead of the best Exterior and Interior Decorators in The Fruit Belt, we would write Merry Christmas so the whole town could see — and we would make it permanent if we could.

FARROW BROS.

EXTERIOR AND INTERIOR DECORATIONS

Phone 239

Grimsby



Wishing you
a Very Happy
and
Prosperous
New Year

Our wish for you is that you will eat so much Christmas dinner that you'll be STUFFED — so full you'll be able to do nothing but sit and wish us as Merry a Christmas as we wish you. And may your New Year be a happy one.

DOMINION CAFE

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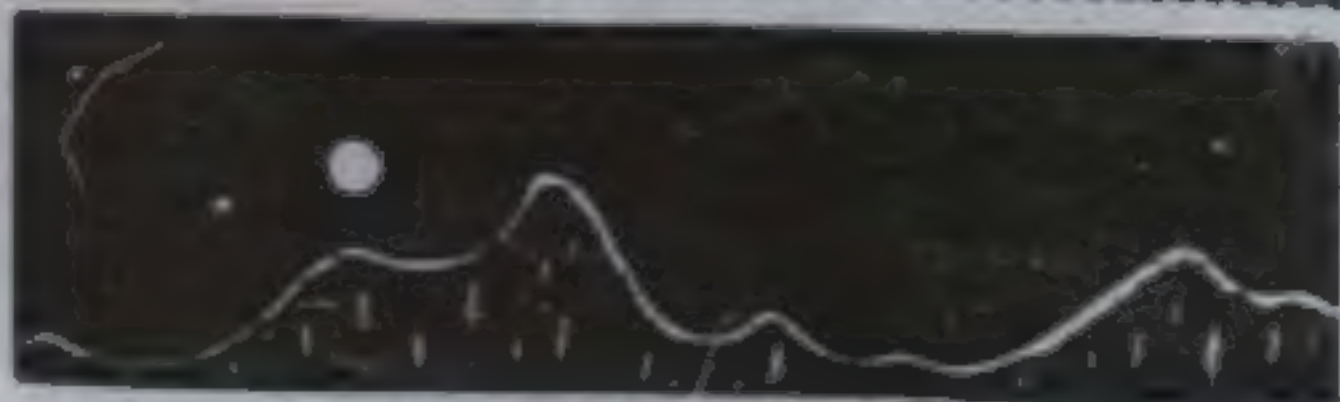
MAIN ST. E.



Broadcasting Our Christmas Wishes

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Season's Greetings

Our Christmas Package to you is packed to overflowing with good wishes for a holiday of good cheer and happiness.

"HONEY" SHELTON

"The Little Shoemaker"

MERRY MERRY CHRISTMAS

WE WISH TO THANK OUR MANY FRIENDS FOR THEIR FINE CO-OPERATION DURING THE PAST SEASON. WE HEREWITH EXTEND TO EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU OUR BEST WISHES FOR . . .

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

AND HEALTH, WEALTH AND HAPPINESS THROUGHOUT THE COMING YEAR.

A. W. EICKMEIER & SON

HAPPY NEW YEAR



New Year's Greetings

In extending our wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year we take this opportunity to thank our friends for the confidence they have shown in our products year after year. May the coming year bring everyone happiness and success.

GRIMSBY GARAGE

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Hi,
Neighbour!

We don't always see you as often as we'd like, and just in case we don't see you soon, we want to take this chance to wish you a lot of the best for the holidays.

CLARENCE H. RUSHTON

"The Sportsman's Barber"

TOBACCONIST NEWSPAPERS, MAGAZINES

CANADA'S FIRST CHRISTMAS CELEBRATED 409 YEARS AGO

Nine years ago this December, Canada celebrated the 409th anniversary of her first Christmas. Not the Star led the Three Wise Men to Bethlehem has any land more inspiring story than had which shines down to us from that beginning. Some day we Canada's an epic poem who will may have immortal picture of how point.

Canada's Columbus had so fired his King, Francis I, with his discovery, that the monarch of the Field of the Cloth of Gold had despatched Cartier to the New World again the following year with three vessels fitted for a 15 months' stay. Easter bells in St. Malo's ancient cathedral and pealed a farewell to the master mariner and his valiant company, which included the son of the Dauphin's cup-bearer. On August 10th, St. Lawrence's Day, they had entered the majestic river which Cartier named in honor of that saint and, on September 14th, the Festival of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross they reached Quebec for the first time.

Thus to the stout timber fortification which Cartier erected there as a winter base, the devout Breton gave the name Fort St. Croix. As far as Montreal Cartier went that autumn and the glory of the new land in all its harvest beauty entranced the intrepid Frenchmen. They plucked grapes and flowers and the Indians showed them houses stored with vegetables and luscious melons.

But that autumn passed all too quickly. Mid-November found Cartier's band of 112 men shut in behind a wall of ice and snow that was a revelation of the ruthless New World winter. Great snow drifts almost buried the little fort out of sight on the pine-clad shore. Ice more than two fathoms thick, snow four feet higher than the sides of the ships, ice four inches thick on the hull and rigging, drinkables frozen in their casks, confronted the men from sun-kissed France. In the midst of the stinging cold they were astounded to see stark naked Indians crossing the ice and wading through drifts to come to visit them on their ships. One points the scene thus:

"All men, women and children endured cold weather better than the wild animals. In the greatest cold they came naked over the snow and ice to the ships. They catch, even during the snow and ice, numbers of moose, deer, bears, hares, martens, foxes and others. They eat their meat raw, after drying it in smoke, and in the same way their fish."

But as Christmas approached, fewer Indians came to visit the Cartier expedition. Soon the men knew why. For the same scourge of scurvy attacked them. Man after man went down with the loathsome disease. New terror smote Cartier and his men. They feared if the Indians knew their real weakness they would attack them. Almost empty became the fort, as the devastated men were removed to the ships, La Grande Hermine, Petite Hermine and the Ermiton. Tunnelling through the snow and ice their comrades made a path to the vessel while their Bonhearted commander never faltered. Incessantly, he moved among his men ministering to the sick and dying, performing the last rites and bringing comfort. To safeguard the living, he ordered the few who were still able to move to stir about within the ships and make fires with sticks and stones as if the were caulking them. Or again, if the Indians approached the fort he would have two or three men not yet afflicted appear in front of it so that he could order them within to help their comrades at work.

Further to keep their full tragedy from the Indians, they buried their dead at night in unmarked graves and the brave leader adds in his journal: "Sometimes we were constrained to bury some of the dead under the snow, because we were not able to dig any grave for them as the ground was so hard frozen and we so weak."

But the man who discovered Canada had the spirit of the Crusaders. He did not falter, nor did his men. Immured with the sick and dying on those ice-bound boats, what memories of happier noels must have arisen among those followers of Francis II. Just a few months before some of them had been numbered among the very Royal Household. They had shared in the Yuletide feasts and revels in Old World chateaux or joined in the celebration of the Mass of Christ within glorious cathedrals. For there, from the days of Francis of Assisi, replicas of the first manger had been set up and from far and near the people had travelled miles to come with flaming torches to listen to the friar's canticles of those dim old cathedrals, or join in happy noels.

But Christmas 1535 did not find the voice of Cartier and his men stirred. None knew who next would find a place beneath the snow in that winter locked land. But in the cabin of their largest ship, about 100 tons the gallant company gathered and bravely celebrated Canada's first Christmas Mass. Down through the centuries that picture must ever be a reminder that Canada is a land of faith and courage, where people ever hold their heads highest when days are darkest.

Despair faced Cartier and his band on Canada's first Christmas but those carols from the Old World wrought a magic that gave faint hearts new courage. Canada has had many a dark Christmas since 1535. It was on that day in 1558 that another gallant leader, Samuel de Champlain, lay dead in Quebec's citadel. Still another Christmas Day found the United Empire Loyalists trekking to their new home here. While 20th Century Canadian faced four black Yuletides of the Great War and sang "Peace on Earth", and there was no peace.

This Christmas spans nearly 409 years since the adventurous Cartier and his company gave Canada a precious memory of how brave hearts can defy despair. One hundred and twelve white men there stood almost in the very presence of savage foes in the wilderness with the spirit of the early Christians who faced Nero's Rome. Christmas 1944 sees more than 11,000,000 people in Canada celebrate the ancient feast. Some will kneel in cathedrals that echo on Old World beauty and splendor. Some will feast in mansions that rival medieval French chateaux and others will calculate in modern hotels that outvie royal palaces on Cartier's land and age. Canada will know Christmas merry-making that mirrors that of baronial halls, where boars' heads and stuffed peacocks, with strange spices and sweet herbs met frumtently and mince pies on splendid banquetting boards, and Yuletide greens reminded the faithful that the memory of the new-born Christ.

Vimy Ridge Memorial



Close up of a section the picture is sublime, due of the Vimy Ridge Memorial. The last in the Canadian Artillery lighter of the caretaker who was a gunner in the last Great War.—(Canadian Army Overseas Photo).

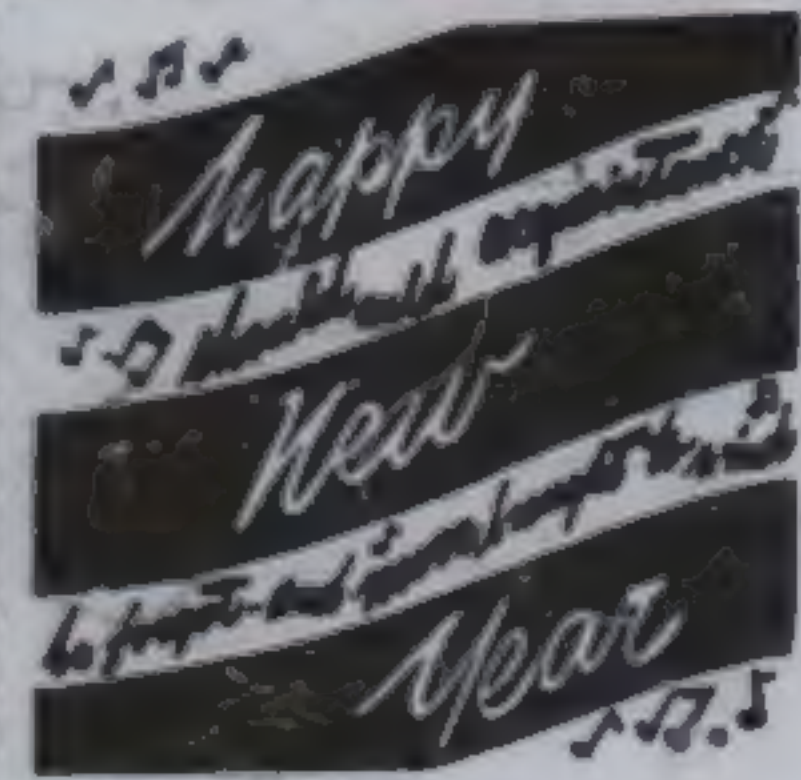
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ALL AT HOME

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Prosperous
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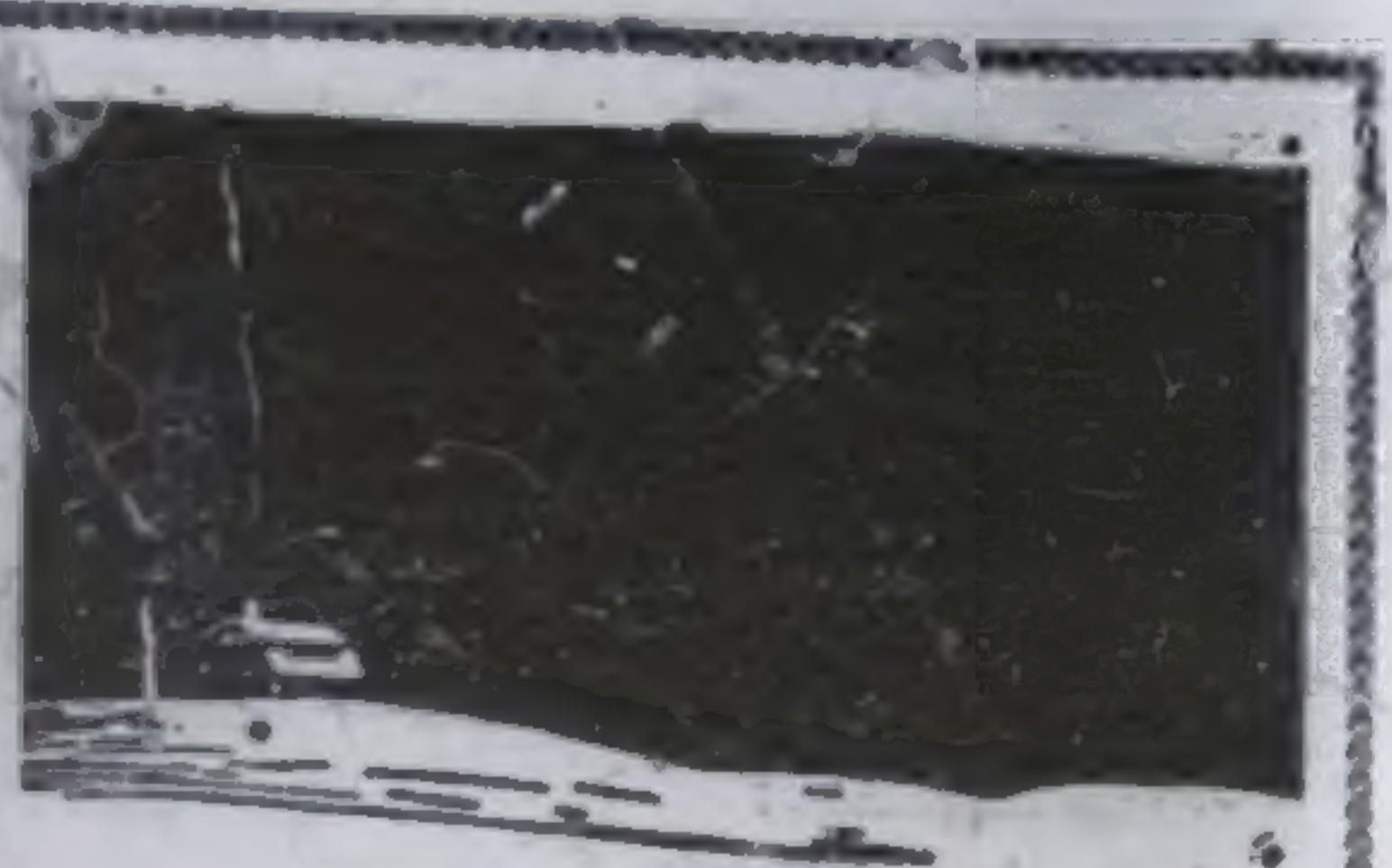
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YULETIDE LEGENDS

Why do we have Christmas trees and candles? One legend tells us that on a cold, clear Christmas Eve, Martin Luther wandered through the winter woods filled with happiness at the loveliness of the snow-laden trees, under the starry sky. He wanted to share his happiness with his children, so he cut a small fir tree and took it home. When he had set it up, he placed little glowing candles on the boughs to represent the stars of heaven.

The manner in which Christmas is celebrated in other lands is always intriguing to children. They enjoy such random facts as instead of turkey Norwegian children enjoy Christmas porridge and perhaps a slice of cod fish or barbecued young pig, dressed up with an apple in his mouth and paper frills on his ears; Or that in Holland the children call Santa Claus St. Nicholas and believe that he travels about on a white horse. Instead of hanging up their stockings, they leave their little wooden shoes, filled with grass and hay for the white horse to eat, on the step outside the front door. And lo! when morning comes the grass and hay have disappeared and in their place are gifts for such thoughtful children.

From Spain comes the gentle admonition that cows must always be treated with special kindness, for did they not stand close to the Christ Child in His manger and blow their warm, sweet breath on Him all through the chilly night?

Holland gives us one story of the origin of Christmas bells. It hails from the little town of Lochem, where the peasants say that long ago Satan appeared one day and carried away the bells from the church tower and dropped them into two ponds. Since then, so say the peasants if you stand near the pond at 12 o'clock on Christmas Eve, you will hear the joyful pealing of ancient bells rising triumphantly from the depths of the water to greet the new-born King.

The idea of Christmas seals, or stamps, was conceived by Elmer Holbrook of Denmark in 1904. The proceeds from their sale went to aid the fight against tuberculosis. England, France, Sweden, Canada, and the United States lost no time in adopting this Christmas custom, and millions of dollars are raised annually for a noble cause.

The mystic beauty of the Christmas story appeals to all children. Year after year they delight in hearing it repeated until every detail of the lovely pageant of the wise men, who followed a star until it came to rest over a lowly stable in Bethlehem, is as familiar to them as the alphabet.

Dickens never fails to charm with his Christmas tales. If the children are very young, there is a youthful version of "The Cricket on the Hearth," and the smallest listener hears with delight of how the chirping cricket brought good luck and furthermore, engaged in a singing match with the teakettle in Dot Feerybingle's kitchen!

The Editor Told The Whole Truth

The story is told of the Missouri editor who announced that for just one issue he would tell the truth. Here are a few items from that issue:

"John Bonin, the latest merchant in town, made a trip to Bellevue yesterday. John Doyle, our grocery man, is doing a poor business; his store is dirty, dusty and noisily odoriferous; how can he expect to do much? Rev. Styz preached Sunday night on charity; the sermon was punk; if the reverend gentleman would live up a little closer to what he preaches he'd have a bigger congregation. Dave Sonkey died last Saturday at his home in this place. The doctor gave it out as heart failure; the fact is he was drunk, and whiskey is what killed him; his home was a rented shack in Rowdy Street. Married — Sylvia Rhodes and James Canahan, last Saturday evening, at the Baptist parsonage; the bride is a very ordinary town girl who doesn't know any more than a rabbit about cooking and who never helped her mother three days in her life. She is not a beauty by any means and has a gait like a fat duck; the groom is well known here as an up-to-date loafer, who has been living on the old folks all his life and don't amount to much; they will have a hard life while they are together and The News has no congratulations to offer, for we don't believe any good can come from such a union."

The issue in which the Missouri editor told the truth was the last he ever made. Now, in the springtime when the dew like diamonds, sparkles in the grass, when sweet-throated birds make melody all the days, subscribers to the paper while it was published, drive out into the country to catch a glimpse of a piece of black skin which hangs suspended from a barbed wire fence. It is all that remains of the once manly form of the Missouri editor who told the truth for once.



"NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS" WAS WRITTEN 121 YEARS AGO

People gathered a year ago on Christmas Eve for a ceremony on a windy thoroughfare that runs into the Hudson River, a place that was an orchard 121 years ago when a professor of Oriental languages, trying to compose a jingle

that would entertain his children, picked a quill pen off the desk in his farmhouse and wrote:

"Twas the night before Christmas when all through the house Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse . . ."

In honor of Dr. Clement Clarke Moore, author of the most famous of all Christmas poems, there was a great assemblage on West 23rd Street, New York City, and Burgess Meredith, the actor, came down to read the verses that now are firmly imbedded in the folklore of America. He stood on the spot where the Moore farm used to be and spoke of Dauber, Prancer and Vixen, Comet, Cupid, Donner and Blitzen — the reindeer which haunted St. Nicholas and his sleigh into the minds and hearts of Americans.

This poem, like many other things that live in literature, survived by accident. Moore wrote it as a temporary thing, something to read to his children and then, perhaps to throw into the fireplace. Great things were happening in the world, and serious men had little time for children's jingles. The Missouri compromise was a red-hot topic of controversy; there was revolution in Portugal; and soon America would promulgate a policy that came to be known as the Monroe Doctrine.

How the scribbled words escaped the fireplace in the Moore farmhouse is unknown, but in 1823 "The Night Before Christmas" was published in the Troy Sentinel without the knowledge or consent of the author. When Moore heard about it, he was dismayed and ashamed that what he considered such a trivial piece should appear under his name.

In another year it was known all over the United States, and not long afterward it had penetrated to the far corners of the Christian world.

And the people who gathered in the cold foggy haze blotted out the tops of the skyscrapers said Moore had done something besides write a Christmas poem. He had fixed for all Americans the idea that they still have of St. Nicholas:

"His eyes how they twinkled, his dimples how merry
His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry.
He had a broad face and a little round belly,
That shook when he laughed like a bowl full of jelly . . ."

A microphone was brought for Meredith so that people across the country could hear him recite the poem that ends on words that almost everybody was speaking that evening:
"Happy Christmas to all, and to all a good-night."

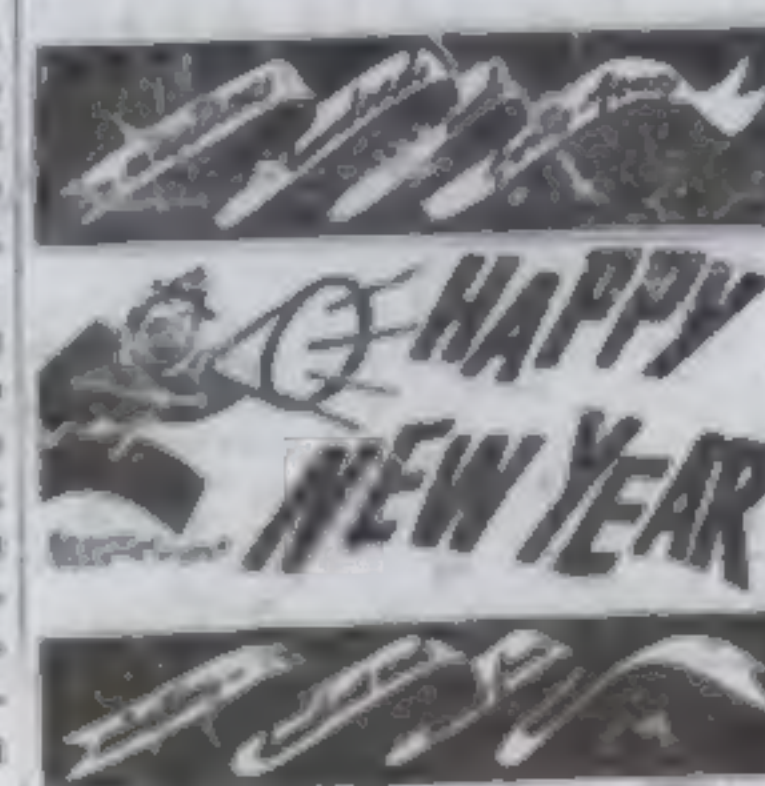
Warmth And Light

An atheist said to an aged Christian one day, whom he found reading the Bible, "How do you know that Book is the Word of God?" "He told me so Himself," replied the Christian.
"Who told you so: how can you prove that?"
"Can you prove there is a sun up there in the sky?" asked the old man.
"Of course I can; the best proof is that it warms me and that I can see the light."
"Just so," was the reply, "the best proof that the Book is the Word of God is that it warms me and lights my soul."



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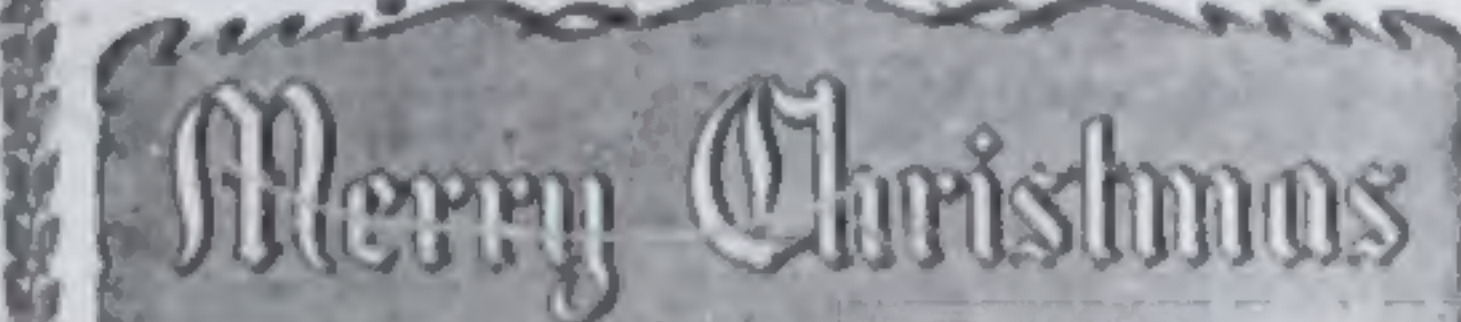
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JOE'S RESTAURANT



As another Christmas season approaches, we wish to extend holiday greetings to one and all. The same old wish — A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year are still the best words in which to extend this old — yet new — wish.

We also wish to thank our many friends and customers for their valued patronage during the year just closing.

WEST END MOTORS
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WE WISH TO REMEMBER THE IDEAL OF "GOOD WILL TOWARD MEN" ESPECIALLY IN THIS YEAR OF DISTRESS AND DIFFICULTY. A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU AND MAY THE NEW YEAR, BEFORE IT IS OVER, BRING US ALL HAPPINESS.

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PROSPERITY**

To the legion of Fruit Growers throughout this district that we were able to serve this past year . . .

To all the male and female employees who served us faithfully through long hours and long days this season . . .

We extend the Hearty Wish for a Holiday Season of Good Cheer and a year of 1945, Full of Prosperity.

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MYSTIC SYMBOL OF "THIRTY" MEANS YOU ARE THROUGH

(J. V. McAree, in "The Globe and Mail")

An uneasy conscience reminds us that somewhere in the pile of letters on our desk, which seems to increase rather than diminish, despite occasional forays into it, there is one from a reader who wants to know the significance of the newspaper symbol 30. The first thing we learned when we became a newspaper reporter, apart from taking rather liberal views as to what ought properly to be included in expense accounts, was that 30 must be written at the end of every item. It means the end. With a page signed 30, even if unnumbered, a compositor would know that he had come to the conclusion of that particular story, and all he would have to find out would be the beginning and the middle to be able to reconstruct it in the event of confusion. So when we asked why 30 came to be used instead of some other number we were told that 30 was the shortest signal in Morse telegraphy, and that the custom really originated in sending messages by wire.

So until a few days ago we accepted that explanation. Then we began to wonder how it could be that 30 would be shorter than 3 or 0. It seemed to us that even in the Morse code 30 would have to be made up of two or more other signals. Fortunately when we were thus idly speculating we came across a copy of Editor and Publisher for January 23, which, while it does not dispose of the matter definitely, gives several more or less interesting theories. It seems that from time to time this paper has been asked the same question, and in 1932 the thing was gone into pretty thoroughly. The first theory to emerge was that when newspaper stories were written and set by hand a period was indicated by x in the manuscript copy. That, as a matter of fact, is true today, that x being much plainer than a dot. The end of a paragraph was indicated by two x's, thus xx, and the end of the story by xxx, Roman for 30. Against this we suggest that there was no need to indicate the end of a paragraph because the beginning of the next paragraph has always been indicated by a figure like a capital E with the middle bar removed.

There is also the story that thirty originated in India. We are told that in Bengali 30 means "Farewell" or "I quit," and that more than 150 years ago an officer in the East India Company sending a letter home ended it with the figure 30. The company used the letter in an official publication, but the 30 appeared as 30. But we think we could invent a much more plausible explanation with little effort, so suggest that readers do not pay too much attention to the fabulous East India officer. Another more ingenious story notes that typesetting machines that used to set their type in slug form used a minimum length of line, known to printers as the 30-pica line, meaning that the line would hold thirty letters the size of the m, the bulkiest in the alphabet. Therefore, the end of the line would be 30. This also seems to us to be far-fetched, and old-time printers have exploded this idea, calling attention to the fact that the symbolic 30 long antedated slug-casting machines.

These theories being rather sour, we come to other which seem more reasonable, and another that seems silly. The silly one identifies 30 as the number of a telegraph operator, who, at a time of disaster, wired tidings to the outside world, using 30 as his private signal. It is said that early telegraph editors had a code of their own for informal conversations on the wire, and this we know to be true. According to one code generally used 1 meant "wait a minute"; 4 meant "when shall I proceed"; 7 was "go ahead"; 8 was "I'm busy on a . . ."; 30 meant "end of item" and . . . was "kindest regards." But the mystery of choosing 30 for "end of item" remains. Another theory is that years ago before newspapers had their own special wires in their offices the telegraph dispatchers would write out in long-hand the newspaper dispatches. One of these offices always closed at 3 p.m., and the operator wrote on the bottom "3 o'clock," which became "3 o'clock" and finally "30". This is rather ingenious, but still fails to explain why the idiosyncrasy of one operator became in a short time universally accepted.

Another explanation is that 30 came into vogue because in the early days of the Associated Press each member was entitled to 30 telegrams each twenty-four hours, and that the last telegram would naturally end with the figure 30. But why not begin the last telegram thus instead of ending it? Going still further back is the theory that the symbol derives from the fact that there were 30 magistrates appointed by Spain to

rule over Athens. They became tyrants, and their final overthrow was hailed with the shout of "Thirty!" But we think there is no doubt that our earliest information, namely, that 30 was the invention of some telegraph operator, is the most reasonable, and Editor and Publisher notes that 30 and 73 are the most common telegraphic abbreviations, one meaning the end, the other "kindest regards."

Rising Birth Rate

Canada's birth rate since the outbreak of war increased from 2.6 per 1,000 of population to the point where it was 24.0 in 1943, states the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. All provinces shared in the general increase. Quebec is shown with the highest birth rate, 28.6 per 1,000 population with New Brunswick tagging along in second place, 28.3. Others were: Prince Edward Island, 23.8; Nova Scotia, 25.3; Ontario, 20.6; Manitoba, 22.6; Saskatchewan, 22.0; Alberta, 24.3, and British Columbia, 20.9.



Wishing You a Merry Christmas

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO WISH YOU ALL THE FINEST CHRISTMAS SEASON YOU HAVE EVER EXPERIENCED. AND WE HOPE THE YEAR TO COME WILL BRING YOU SUCCESS, GOOD HEALTH AND HAPPINESS.

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A Bright And Cheerful Christmas
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AT THIS TIME THE GRIMSBY LIONS CLUB WISHES TO THANK THE PUBLIC OF GRIMSBY AND SURROUNDING DISTRICT FOR ITS VERY GENEROUS SUPPORT AND CO-OPERATION THROUGHOUT THE PAST YEAR, AND WILL ENDEAVOUR TO PROMOTE THE THEORY AND PRACTICE OF THE PRINCIPLES OF LIONISM, GOOD GOVERNMENT AND GOOD CITIZENSHIP, IN THE YEAR TO COME.

CHARLES A. FARRELL, President
EWART L. STONEHOUSE, Treasurer

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The Grimsby Independent

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95 Per Cent Of Grimsby Taxes Have Been Paid

This Is a Record For Grimsby—There Will Be Less Than \$7,000 Tax Arrears By The End Of The Year—Nice Christmas Gift.

LAST MEETING OF YEAR

Main Street Bus Parking Up Again—Depot Street Corner Widening Cost \$280.—Grant \$100 To Help Lions Construct Skating Rink For Kids.

At final meeting of the year of Town council on Friday night, S. A. Jocelyn, Town Auditor, gave the legislators a pleasant Christmas gift when he told them that at the close of business on December 15th, that 95 and one-quarter per cent of the total 1944 taxes had been paid and that no doubt this percentage would be slightly increased by the end of the year. Such a complete payment of taxes as this, had never before been known in Grimsby.

Another new record was also hung up when he stated that at the end of the year the total arrears of taxes for all years, including 1944, would not exceed \$7,000.

Ontario Milk Board notified Council that they could not see their way clear to the granting of a second milk delivering license for the town, particularly in view of what had occurred in the past few years with two dairies operating here. At the present time they have two applications for a license for Grimsby.

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Children's Party This Saturday

"Scattergood Baines" Will Entertain The Kiddies At Lions Club Party—Schedule For Different Schools.

The management of the Romy Theatre and the Lions Club have arranged for a special Children's Christmas Party. The program is one that is sure to give a great deal of enjoyment to the kiddies. The main attraction will be SCATTERGOOD BAINES (Scattergood Baines comedy), a community sing-song, Three stooges comedy, and a cartoon in colour. It will be a great afternoon for the children of Grimsby and adjoining centres. The first show will be at 1:30, in which pupils from the following schools will attend:

Hagar School.
Grimsby Beach School.
Grimsby Schools.
The second show will be at 2:30 in which the following schools will attend:
Cader School.
Grimsby Centre.
Upper Thirty School.
Grassie School.
Winona School.
Alway School.

Young Flyer



P.O. Gordon Marr, R.C.A.F., eldest son of George and Mrs. Marr, Kerman avenue, now serving overseas. He graduated from Uplands in August last, proceeding overseas in October. He is a grandson of the late George Lerne Book. His father is a veteran of the First Great War.

BIG CATERPILLAR BULL-DOZER "SNOW WILL SAVE MORE GAS THAN LAWS"—COUN. MITCHELL

Mammoth Machine had Every Street Open For Travel By Four O'Clock On Sunday Afternoon—Great Credit Due Ald. Inglehart.

NORMAL DELIVERIES

Traffic Jams On Main Street Have Been Terrific—Trying Out New Parking System—Mountain Roads Drift Full After Plow Goes Through.

By four o'clock on Sunday afternoon every street in Grimsby had been opened up for traffic and great credit is due to Howard Inglehart, Chairman of the Board of Works for his indefatigable efforts to get the snow-blocked roads open.

After many futile efforts he succeeded last Friday afternoon in contracting with an Oakville Construction Co. for the use of a 28 ton diesel-engine caterpillar bulldozer. The big machine arrived at four o'clock on Saturday afternoon and immediately went to work. The crew and Mr. Inglehart worked until one o'clock Sunday morning and were back on the job again at seven o'clock and pushed right through until four o'clock.

This mammoth machine did a great job and while all streets were not opened up full width, still traffic lanes were provided, especially for the use of the fire trucks if they were called out.

Farmers over the hill have not been as fortunate as their brethren below the escarpment. The Lincoln county four-wheel drive plow cleared the stone road from No. 20 to the top of the mountain late Friday afternoon. Friday night the

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Give Us Weather We'll Build Rink

In The Roar Of The Lions Club—Father O'Donnell And Major Bell Have Plans For Two Ice Cushions.

The Lions Club under the chairmanship of Father O'Donnell and Major Dave Bell will erect an Outdoor Rink on the Public School Grounds.

The Rink is to consist of a Hockey Cushion in centre and a 20 foot Skating Surface around the outside for pleasure skating. The Town Council is also co-operating in this undertaking and has voted \$100.00 towards this project.

There will be a great deal of hard work in connection with erecting the Rink and all interested parties are requested to get in touch with Father O'Donnell.

The success of this rink depends on the help and co-operation from the people in this community.

This Dizzy World

One never knows any more just where they are at or what is going to happen next. Turned on the radio the other night. It is Christmas time and Ye Ed. thought he might find solace in a few Carols. Instead he got a whiskey baritone and a cracked soprano singing "The Easter Parade." The radio is out in the snowbank.

Big Assignment

Announcement was made last week by the Stoop Rock Mines and Milling Co. of Atikokan, Ontario, of the appointment of John Globe as Chief Mechanical Engineer for the firm.

John, second son of A. R. Globe and Mrs. Globe, Grimsby, has been on the engineering staff of the International Nickel Co. at Sudbury since his graduation from university, and is highly regarded in the North Country both personally and for his engineering ability.

The draw for the Cigarette Fund basket of English Walnuts at Curran and Belzner's store is taking place at 4:30 this afternoon.

Christmas In Barracks



Above, members of a Scottish regiment took into turkey and trimmings. Many a lonely serviceman far from home will be served a special Christmas dinner like this by his officers. Others will be offered the hospitality of both British and Canadian homes over the Christmas season.

MAJOR (DR.) VANCE FARRELL SENDS CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Winona Women Doing Great Job

Stage An Old Time Box Social And Dance And Raise \$135 For Hospital Fund.

From time to time the Independent has printed and reprinted stories from "away back when". That these have been enjoyed by many is evident by many inquiries as to detail.

To get back into this spirit, the Women's Institute of Winona last Friday night brought back these old times on the occasion of a Card Party—Box Social—Dance at the Winona Hall, the proceeds of which all went to the West Lincoln Memorial Hospital.

Cards, and dancing, all the old time dances proved most enjoyable, but it was the old time box social which proved the event of the evening.

The auction sale proved as popular as ever, bidding being fast and profitable to the project. There was no room for imported talent and ample proof was offered that "away back when" the crowd made their own fun and plenty of it.

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Real Estate

The following farms have been sold by Winifred Congdon, Realtor: 16 acres, Beamsville, with buildings. Fully planted to fruit. Purchaser S. Mraz. Vendor H. A. Beggs.

16 acres on lake, fully planted to fruit. Purchaser W. T. Barron of Toronto. Vendor S. Shean.

100 acres, Beamsville, about 50 acres in fruit, balance bare land. With buildings. Purchaser a local buyer. Vendor Oliver Crooks.

100 acres, fully equipped stock farm. Yonge St., South Grimsby. Purchaser Ted Dignan of Dunnville. Vendor W. B. Thompson.

100 acres, fully equipped stock farm. Vinemount. Purchaser K. Holatko. Vendor E. V. Penfold.

Mayor Johnson To Retire From Municipal Activity

Was Reeve Of Grimsby Village 1912-13—Reeve Of Town 1937—Mayor 1938-44 Without Ever Contesting An Election—His Father Was Reeve In 1897.

SERVED OVERSEAS

In Parting Remarks To Council He Offered Some Sage Advice—Economy Must Be The Watch Word—Tax Rate Must Be Maintained At Low Level.

A bombshell dropped right in the middle of town council meeting on Friday night, when Mayor Edric S. Johnson, banded each member of council and the press, the following letter:

Grimsby, Dec. 15, 1944

Dear Sir:

I believe it proper to inform the Reeve and gentlemen of the Council before informing others that, after much consideration, I have decided that I will not be a candidate for Mayor or other Municipal office for 1945.

I thank you for your assistance and courtesies during the past year and I wish to assure you now, as I will at nomination on Friday next, that if any knowledge of Town affairs or any Municipal experience I may have would be of assistance to the 1945 Council it would be my pleasure to assist.

Yours sincerely,
EDRIC S. JOHNSON,
Mayor, Town of Grimsby.

Mayor Johnson first appeared on the political horizon 33 years ago—1911, when he was elected to sit

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Mother Saves Her Three Children

Former Grimsby Girl Gets Little Tots To Safety When Fire Breaks Out In Home.

The following news despatch from Niagara Falls, Ont., will be of interest to Grimsby people as the heroine is a Grimsby girl, being Miss Marjorie Sims, daughter of Fred and Mrs. Sims, No. 8 Highway west, before her marriage.

A young mother rescued her three children, an infant daughter, and two sons, three and five years old, Tuesday afternoon, when fire gutted her home at 1288 Portage Road. She also turned in the alarm which brought the Niagara Falls and Stamford fire departments to the scene in record time.

Mrs. Clarence Morley was rescued.

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Grimsby Weather

Week ending Dec. 18th, at 8 p.m.
Highest temperature 33.3
Lowest temperature 17.0
Mean temperature 27.8
Precipitation 2.40 inches

Serving Overseas



Pte. Stanley Gunning, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Gunning, Mounts Road, serving overseas with an infantry unit. His brother Max, is with the Royal Canadian Navy.

Township Has Not The Manpower Or Equipment To Clear All The Roads On The Mountain—Horses And Sleighs Should Be Used.

HOLD LAST MEETING

Council Will Discuss East End Water Tangle With Town Commission—Expected Deputation Never Arrived—Supt. Mackie Snow Blocked On Own Roads.

There is not much hope for the people over the mountain having their roads cleared of snow this year, unless a miracle of some kind takes place. Such was the consensus of opinion at the last meeting for the year of North Grimsby council.

Roads Chairman Mitchell informed council that all the side-roads below the mountain would be ploughed out by tonight (Friday). "over the hill", he said, "all the roads we will plow out will be the Ridge Road east, Ridge Road west and the Grassies Road. We have not the manpower or the equipment to open all the other side-roads."

Continuing, he stated, "the farmers have horses and sleighs, let them break the roads and use them in the good old-fashioned way. Let the cars stand in the barn, it will do no harm and will save a powerful lot of gasoline. Snow is a better gas restriction law than any that the government can frame."

A deputation from School Section No. 1, that was expected at the meeting did not materialize. It

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New Youth Centre Now In Operation

Over 150 Kids Attended At Opening On Monday—Official Opening And Big Binge Wednesday Night Next.

Grimsby's Youth Centre opened with a Bang on Monday afternoon. About 150 Teen-Agers enjoyed Dancing, Table Tennis, Games etc. Enthusiasm ran high and the success of the Lion's Club venture is assured from the start.

Hawke's Hall has been transformed into a cheerful comfortable spot for Grimsby's Young People. Considerable decorating has been done. Dressing Tables, Mirrors and new curtains have been added. A completely equipped Powder Room has been fitted out. There is a Juke Box and Piano. Plenty of Games and Books. There is a separate Reading Room with comfortable Chairs, Tables etc.

A Committee of Young People, chosen by themselves, will, in conjunction with the Lions Club Committee, establish Rules and Regulations for the operation of the Youth Centre. Within the next few weeks the kids themselves will

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Holiday Hours At The Post Office

On Friday and Saturday nights, General Delivery at the local Post Office will be open to 9:00 p.m.

On Christmas Day General Delivery will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Lobby will be locked at noon.

Shafer Bros. Get \$16,000 Contract

Shafer Bros., Fruit Belt's crack contracting firm, have been successful, among several bidders, in landing the contract for the erection of a fine large stone home on the lake front, at the foot of the Fifty Road, Winona, for Mr. Harry Rayner of Detroit, at a cost of \$16,000.

At Friday night's council meeting, Clerk Bourne read to council the following communication from Major V. R. Farrell, overseas, which was received by the body with much appreciation:

25th Nov., 1944.

Mr. G. G. Bourne, Clerk and Treasurer, Town of Grimsby, Dear Geoff:

Will you please convey to His Worship the Mayor—the Reeve—and the members of the Grimsby Town Council—and to all the Staff—my best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Successful New Year.

With kind personal regards,

Sincerely, Vance.

Clerk Bourne stated to council that he had taken it upon himself, pending meeting of council, of sending Major Farrell an airmail

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CONTINUATIONS

From Page One

MAJOR VANCE FARRELL, letter of Christmas Greetings, from the Mayor and Council.

Council instructed Mr. Bourne to send this week a Christmas Cable to Major Farrell.

Major Farrell at the time of his enlistment in 1940, was Reeve of Grimsby and representative of the town at County Council. He also served in the Dental Corps in the First Great War.

95 PER CENT

Mayor Johnson expressed appreciation of the fine job that had been done to the Main and Depot street corner by Supt. Lawrie and the town workmen. Contract price for this work had been \$370. The job was done for a total cost of \$380.

At this juncture Mayor Johnson took opportunity to express his thanks to all town employees for their co-operation and loyalty to the town during the past year.

Main street parking troubles caused by the Canada Coach Lines buses was again to the fore, when a lengthy letter, not too courteous, was received from Supt. Gravelle of the coach company. The letter on the whole was just a great bluff, even to the threatening of removing their Agency entirely and making the people purchase tickets from the drivers at either end of the town. The new council in January will deal with this matter.

A. J. Chivers, chairman of Board of Health, was granted \$25.00.

I.O.E. was granted \$100. for



SEASON'S GREETINGS
Vernon Tuck
Optometrist

parcels' Fund for boys overseas.

Armand Hummel was appointed Relief Officer for 1945 at \$137.50. Old, uncollectable accounts of years standing, amounting to \$31.50 were ordered written off.

Andrew Cloughley who resigned as Caretaker of Queen's Lawn Cemetery, two months ago, requested that his resignation be withdrawn as his health is improved and his physician will allow him to assume his duties. Council assented.

Relief accounts for November amounted to \$215.38.

Joint Fire Committee accounts for \$484, were ordered paid.

Council passed a resolution of deepest sympathy to Wasyi and Mrs. Laba on the death of their son Pte. Alex Laba.

Tax Collector's report showed that 1944 collections in November amounted to \$3,292—for 1945 to \$19.28. Total taxes collected from January 1st to November 30th for 1944, was \$48,999; prepaid for 1945, \$260. Total taxes, arrears and current and prepaid \$58,781.

November Police report: no court cases; complaints investigated, 19; one man apprehended by Belleville police for theft at Grimsby, stolen goods recovered and returned to owner; for Humane Officer, four dogs, four cats; dog tax collected \$7.50.

General accounts for \$2,406 were ordered paid.

Lloyd Theal was refunded \$350 on purchase price of lot as his new home is now erected, as per his agreement with the town.

P. E. Wilkins was sold a building lot on St. Andrew's avenue, at \$400, a residence to cost not less than \$3,500 to be erected.

Waterworks report for November showed 11,302,000 of water pumped in November; average per day 378,733; biggest day's pumping, Nov. 8th, 462,000; smallest day's pumping, Nov. 29th, 266,000; increase for month over 1943, 1,278,000; increase in average per day over 1943, 4,600; gasoline engine operated 13 1/2 hours.

Water supplied North Grimsby East End 1,277,000 gals as against

261,000 in 1943; West End 390,000 as against 112,000 in 1943.

Fire bills for November 1944, \$180.4; October 1944, \$180.41; November 1943, \$171.44.

If election for Municipal offices held on Jan. 1st, the Polling place will be as follows: North Ward Mrs. McKinney's, 12 Ontario street, J. K. Harstone, D.R.O.; Centre Ward, Trinity Hall, A. Frank Russ, D.R.O.; A. F. Hawke, Poll Clerk; B. A. J. Chivers, D.R.O.; Clara Freshwater, Poll Clerk; South Ward, at 49 M. A. W. E. Cullingford, R.O.; Margaret Allan, Poll Clerk; L. Bentley, D.R.O.; G. J. Farrell, Poll Clerk.

Mayor Johnson his election as Reeve Lothian upon the Branch Canadian Legion.

WINONA WOMEN

On Monday afternoon ladies of the Winona Women's Institute gathered at the home of Mrs. Cudney and as a tribute to the work of our medical men in their efforts to serve the public a check for \$128.00 was presented to Mr. W. R. Boehm, Treasurer of The West Lincoln Memorial Hospital, being the proceeds of the box social party. A further effort will be made to round out a \$300.00 Foundation for Membership shortly.

A. R. Globe gave a detailed report on the progress of work at the Hospital and thanked the people of Winona for their support of the undertaking.

MOTHER SAVES

ing on the couch when her young son told her the house was on fire. She quickly put Jack, three, and George, five, out-of-doors, and ran upstairs to rescue her infant daughter who was sleeping in her crib.

Fire Chief John C. Shapton said the youngest boy is believed to have put some papers in the stove and then removed them to a pile nearby which held kindling for the fire. The loss is partly covered by insurance.

Salvage covers were used by the firemen to protect the furniture. The city firemen laid 1000 feet of hose and the Stamford firemen also laid a long line to pour water on the flaming house.

"YOU CAN PLAY SANTA CLAUS
to the men and women
in uniform"



They'll all be wanting to telephone home. Long Distance lines will be loaded through the holiday season, especially those to Eastern Seaboard and far Western points.

Help to make sure that they won't be disappointed. During the holiday season, make only essential calls.

It's one way we can all play Santa Claus to those absent in the services.

Buy War Savings Stamps and Certificates Regularly.

On Active Service



Giving Things to War

A. C. PRICE
Manager

NEW YOUTH CENTRE
choose a suitable name for their club.

The Youth Centre will be open every afternoon from 4 to 6 and for the present will be open Wednesday, Friday and Saturday evenings from 7.30 to 10.30. If the Young Folks wish it the Centre will be opened every week night.

The Youth Centre will be opened officially on Wednesday, December 27th, with a Bingo Party. There will be some Turkeys included in the Prizes. Parents will then have the opportunity of inspecting the place and can then see what recreational facilities are being provided for the Young People by the Lions Club.

RIG CATERPILLAR

wind came up and the snow started drifting. It drifted Saturday, Sunday and Monday and the road became almost impassable for horses and sleighs again, let alone for cars.

Another fall of snow on Monday gave citizens the willies for some time as it looked like another blizzard coming up, but it soon cleared away and their fears were groundless.

Traffic on Main street has been terrific. Tie-ups have been plenty. There is only a narrow traffic lane between the two high snow banks and when cars are parked and left, it does not take long for traffic to become snarled, particularly when cars are parked almost opposite to one another. Also numerous cars have been parked for long periods of time, unnecessarily, while their owners were on pleasure, not business, bent.

On Tuesday Edwin Phelps, Chairman of the Police Committee and Chief Turner placed large signs to the snow banks for a certain distance on each side of the street, in an effort to stagger the parking. Cars being allowed to park for a certain distance on one side and a certain distance on the other side away from the first area.

Milk and bread deliveries were practically back to normal on Monday morning, although the farmers were still having difficulty getting their milk supply down off the hill.

CHRISTMAS SPECIALS AT GRIMSBY BAKERY

- Christmas Cakes
- Scotch Shortbread
- Mince Pies
- Pumpkin Pies
- Meringue Tarts
- Christmas Cookies
- Fresh Salted Peanuts

and a host of other delicious goods to eat.

Please place your orders Friday morning early, as due to the improvements we are making, our output is restricted.

WISHING ALL A HAPPY AND JOYOUS CHRISTMAS

GRIMSBY BAKERY
A. JARVIS

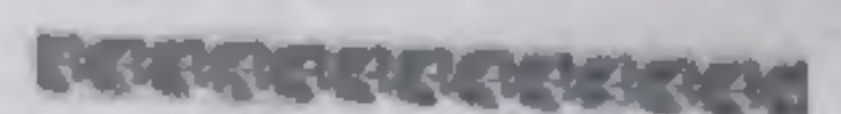


OUR SINCERE WISH IS FOR . . .

A MERRY, CHEERY CHRISTMAS

AND A

HAPPY NEW YEAR FULL OF PROSPERITY



ALLIED FRUIT FARMS LTD.

GRIMSBY, CANADA

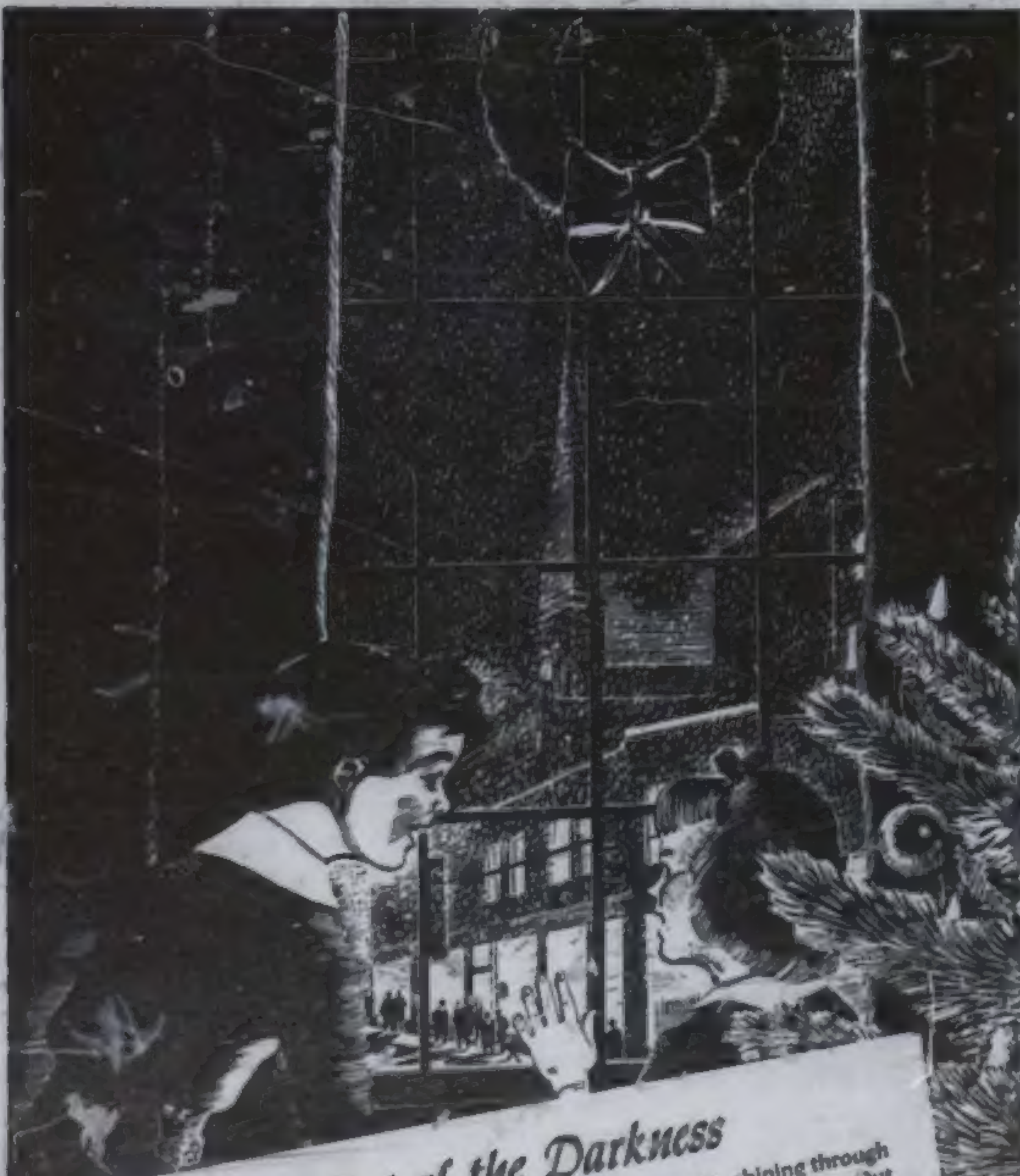
Out of the Darkness

One by one, the lights of the world are coming on again, shining through the darkness of the night with a warm glow of comfort and cheer. Out of the gloom of war, lights are appearing as bright symbols of a new hope . . . a hope born of an assurance of victory.

Two thousand years ago the Star of Bethlehem proclaimed the birth of Christ and gave new hope to the world . . . so the lights return to us now as heralds of Peace . . . a Peace that comes out of sacrifice and suffering and gives promise of a new and better life.

May this Christmas awaken in our hearts new faith and strength to continue to fight for those things we hold dear . . . to do our part to hasten the day when the lights in every country again shine brightly and throughout the world will reign the Spirit of "Peace on Earth, Goodwill to Men".

THE HYDRO-ELECTRIC POWER COMMISSION OF ONTARIO





WEST LINCOLN BRANCH 127, CANADIAN LEGION, B.E.S.L.

WM. LOTHIAN, President.

HOWARD CAUDWELL, Secretary.

Daffynitions

A.W.O.L.: A Wolf on Leave.

MOON: A heavenly body that affects both the tide and the united.

HEALTH: What you lose by drinking to other people's.

NAZI COMMUNIQUE: A plague-by-plague report of German reverses.

EXECUTIVE: One who decides quickly and gets somebody else to do the work.

SPA: A mudhole with vitamins.

YEHOOOI: The little fellow who pushes up the next piece of Kleenex.

FIGURE: What a girl keeps in order to find a keeper to keep her.

CHIC CLOTHES: Garments so designed that you can be seen in the best of places.

New Method Of Apple Storage

B.C. Growers Have 200 Tons Of Apples Under Water In Lake Okanagan — Just An Experiment.

Two hundred tons of apples are in storage in Okanagan Lake home of the oft-publicized "Ogopogo", according to reports from Kelowna, B.C. An experiment is being tried by B.C. Tree Fruits Ltd. to help solve the serious storage problem which has resulted from this year's bumper apple harvest in the district.

After being granted permission by the C.N.R. to use its pier for the experiment, six hundred feet of herring net was purchased, then attached to the pier piles and weighted down with lead. The net sinks down to a depth of ten feet and covers the area under the pier. Culls are being used in the experiment. These low grade apples have been a comparative waste product for the apple industry but, with thousands of bushels of them on hand, it is felt this process may arrest deterioration which takes place when they have to be stored in bins or stacked outside the packing plants. If the culls are saved by water storage they will be used for dehydration and other by-products.

If the experiment is unsuccessful the loss will be negligible. Revolving belts will go down into the water corral, pick up the apples and bring them into receptacles on the pier when required. (C.N. Railway Magazine.)

Around The GRIMSBY High School

(By Janie)

The big night is just a few hours away. What is it—the Peppermint Prom. Where is it—the High School Auditorium. When is it—tonight (Thursday) at 9:00 p.m. Everybody come to that white and red room in G.H.S. There will be good music, and lots of fun is promised.

The hall has had many hours of planning and hard work spent on it for the grand affair. It really looks O.K., thanks to Arthur Edward L. Arkell who spent a brief vacation on Monday and Tuesday up top of a ladder tacking up streamers. He was coached by the School President—"Up a bit farther with those streamers—no farther still—about three feet—No, that's too far" and so on all day long!

I guess we'd better start studying for the Easter exams now! Won't it be terrible if the report cards are given out before Christmas!

Imagine a major with the mumps! That's so because the girls are without a major for a period of sixteen days.

All the teachers flocked to the youth center this week. It's really a swell place. Anyone that didn't go should really make an effort. There's going to be some excellent ping pong play-offs after this.

The Student President speaks—"MERRY CHRISTMAS."

Hold Debate

The U.C.Y. (Ukrainian Catholic Youth League) of St. Mary's Church, held their first debate of the winter season in the church hall on Sunday, Dec. 10th at 8:30 p.m.

The subject of the debate was: Resolved that the fall of the Ukrainian National Republic in 1919 was due more to the fault of the leaders than to the fault of the people. The affirmative was supported by Messrs. Nicholas Adrychuk and Walter Shumsky, while the negative side of the resolution was upheld by Mr. John Hal

insky and Miss Gloria Sar-pka.

Although both debating teams conceded certain points as common ground, from there on their opinions differed. The points conceded as common were:

(1)—That the fall of the Ukrainian Republic in 1919 was due to the hostility and ambitions of their neighbours;

(2)—W. due to the ravages of a typhus epidemic;

(3)—A. a great measure, the fall was due to lack of understanding of the Ukrainian problem in Western Europe and America.

Rev. Fr. Ignace Lesiak, O.S.B.M. presided over the debate and intro-

duced the speakers. An interesting feature of the evening's program was a period set aside for questions which were put to the members of each team from the audience. The decision was awarded to the affirmative side. Following the debate a delightful lunch was offered by the young ladies of the club. The superiority of knowledge over wealth will be discussed in the debate scheduled for January 19, 1945.

The program was dedicated to the honor of Alex Laba, Grimsby, who was reported killed in action in Italy; the news of this report arriving on Dec. 10th, 1944.

Not A Shopping Suggestion

Ancient Egyptian jewellery in the Royal Ontario Museum will cultivate your taste but don't hope for custom-made replicas these days. The collection includes beads of ostrich egg-shell, blue glass, and a wide variety of semi-precious stones cut and combined to form a beautiful colour scheme. Gold pendants, usually in the form of amulets, enrich the bea. More wonderful still is a fragment from a pectoral ornament—a bird's

wing of gold inlaid with lapis lazuli, turquoise and carnelian. The stones were set into tiny feather-shaped spaces formed by strips of gold soldered onto a gold plate. Ornaments such as these were worn by ladies 4000 years ago.

Many a woman gets that school girl complexion at the cosmetics counter.

A woman has reached the grand-ma stage when she doesn't care about visiting the beauty parlor.

The hunting season is that time of the year when a calf that looks like a deer hasn't a chance.

"I must warn the House and Country against any indulgence in the feeling that the war will soon be over."

WINSTON CHURCHILL
In the British House of Commons
November 28th, 1944

DON'T CONFUSE THE SIGNALS

1939

RED
YELLOW
GREEN

1944

RED
YELLOW
GREEN

War came. The manufacture of most civilian goods had to be cut down or stopped to make way for war production. That caused shortages of civilian goods—that was the RED LIGHT

don't jump the YELLOW light

Some restrictions are now being lifted, but it does not mean lots of goods right away. War's demands are still huge and must come first. We can't neglect them just so that some of us here at home can get a little more.

Don't confuse the signals—(This is the YELLOW LIGHT ONLY).

It means a little more of some things and it helps business men get ready for the time when there will be more materials and workers available.

It does not mean the end of shortages!

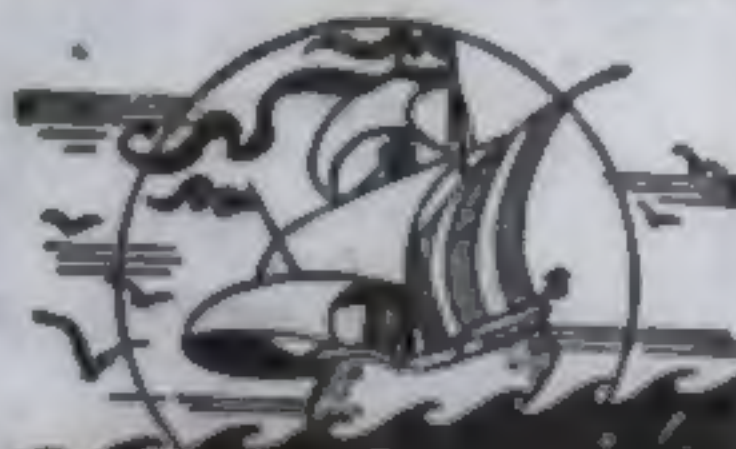
Getting back to peacetime production will necessarily be piecemeal and gradual.

"Patience" is the word.

it's NOT the green light yet

Only after Victory over both enemies can the Green Light be switched on, and the road cleared for enough production to meet all our civilian needs.

THE WARTIME PRICES AND TRADE BOARD



New Year's Greetings

From The Biggest Little Jewellery Store In The Fruit Belt.

A. E. BUCKENHAM

Main East Grimsby



NO TREE IS BIG ENOUGH...

To bring the happiness we wish all of our friends for this Christmas and the years to come.

Les. Larsen

Plumbing And Heating

Phone 408 Grimsby



EVERY LIGHT IS A CHRISTMAS LIGHT

Every time you see a light this season be reminded that we wish all of you a Merry Christmas.

H. B. Metcalfe

Electrical Work, Supplies and Appliances

Phone 431 Grimsby

Social Events — Personals — Organizations — Club Activities

Merry Christmas.

Go to Church, Sunday.

Harold C. Woolverton, left on Friday for Montreal, Ont.

Send in your personals and social event items early on Tuesday.

Plt-Sgt. Jack Laing, R.C.A.F., left on Friday for Vancouver, after spending two weeks' holidays with his parents.

Mrs. Charles Baird has closed her Oak street home for the winter and gone to Storey Creek to reside with her daughter, Mrs. John Smith.

In answer to the question "How can a woman be headed with intelligence?" Novelist John Erskine told an audience: "That question will never come up for any man; she will always control him."

Lieut. Fred Hunter, who returned from overseas last summer, and is stationed at Vernon, B.C. as an instructor, is home for the Christmas with his parents William and Mrs. Hunter, Central avenue, Grimsby Beach.

Mrs. Eric Bull has arrived safely in London, Eng., and expects soon to be posted for duty in Belgium or Holland. She is connected with the Y.W.C.A. War Services. Her husband Capt. Eric Bull was last heard from in Holland and may even now be a German soldier.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Culp, Vineland Station, will be at home to the friends of Mrs. Culp's father, Rev. I. M. Moyer of Grimsby Beach on Tuesday, Dec. 26th from 2.00 to 5.30 in the afternoon, and 5.00 to 10.00 in the evening to celebrate Mr. Moyer's eightieth birthday.

Mrs. H. C. Nelson, wishes to send Christmas and New Year's Greetings to all Her Friends in the Neighbourhood and Vicinity.

Miss Florence D. VanDyke has returned home from a week's visit with friends in Hamilton.

Russell Olmstead of Ancaster is holidaying at the home of Joseph and Mrs. Walker, Livingston ave.

Mrs. W. Hoebel has returned home after spending a few weeks visiting her daughter, Mrs. W. Hill, Woodbridge.

W. H. Groce is confined to his home with severe heart condition which stricken him while shovelling snow on Monday.

The Misses Miriam and Eva Cline will give the Christmas story by means of a lantern—A pictorial presentation of the birth of Jesus, to the Grimsby Baptist Sunday School at its Christmas Sunday session. This is a new and fascinating method of teaching that will interest all ages.

It is predicted that flying hotels may be a thing of the future. It certainly will beat jumping from a window in the stationary kind.

Most of the Christmas toys are so easy to break that father will knock them out of commission before junior gets a chance.

GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

On Wednesday, December 6th, 1944, at their winter apartment, No. 154 Spadina Crescent, Toronto, Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Davidson of "Good-Will" Cottage, Grimsby Beach, Ontario, celebrated their fiftieth year of married life.

They were united in marriage at Montreal by Rev. Dr. H. M. Tory, brother-in-law of the bride, and resided for many years in Dundas.

Among those who called to pay their respects there were several summer residents of Grimsby Beach. Mr. and Mrs. E. Cecil Roberts, Mrs. John Pearson, Mrs. Jewell Purvis, Miss Mabel Wilkinson, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Carrick, Miss Lena Simonds, Mrs. J. D. Stuart, Miss Dorothy West, Mr. Fred J. Lucas, Miss Audrey Lucas, Mrs. G. E. Lindsay, Senior, Miss Hazel Davis, Miss Mabel Davis, Mrs. F. H. Mann, and her daughter, Mrs. Lee; Mrs. Edgar Harold Rev. W. B. and Mrs. Carwell.

Congratulations were also received from Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Storr, Mr. and Mrs. John Jeffries, Dr. and Mrs. Freeman, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Kennedy, the Misses Gertrude and Helen Philip, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Harwood, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Panter, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Barlow, Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Secord, Mr. and Mrs. George Barber, Rev. and Mrs. Alex MacGowan, Mr. and Mrs. John Harold, Mr. and Mrs. Ham. Robinson, Miss F. Mabel Hunter, Miss Margaret Harwood, Mrs. Dr. McMillan, and others.

Prominent among the gifts of flowers should be mentioned the large basket of yellow mums and roses from The Women's Improvement Society and the Cottagers Association and Church Committee.

Trinity W.A.

The December meeting of the W.A. of Trinity United Church was held in the Ladies' Parlor at Trinity Hall on Thursday, Dec. 7th, with a very large attendance.

Mrs. David Cloughley acted as President, owing to Mrs. J. O. Moore not feeling well enough to conduct the meeting.

Mrs. McAlonen, Convener of the rummage sale reported that it was a great success, and thanked all the ladies who helped so much, and especially Mrs. Dymond, at whose home six work meetings were held. The things that were not sold were sent to the Fred Victor Mission in Toronto.

At the close of the business, Mrs. D. Cloughley, on behalf of the Association, presented Mrs. J. O. Moore with a beautiful plant, on her retirement as President, owing to illness.

Mrs. W. J. Watt then took the chair, and presented the slate of officers and conveners for the year 1945, as follows:

Honorary President, Mrs. J. O. Moore; President, Mrs. D. Cloughley; 1st Vice-President, Mrs. G. Hillis; 2nd Vice-President, Mrs. Murray Beamer; Secretary, Mrs. E. McAlonen; Treasurer, Mrs. T. L. Dymond; Press Reporter, Mrs. E. McAlonen; Social Convener, Mrs. E. L. Stonehouse and Mrs. R. Theal; Kitchen Convener, Mrs. I. Hummel and Mrs. J. J. Graham; Quilt Co. Convener, Mrs. P. W. Wilkins; Flower Convener, Mrs. Murray Beamer; Pianist, Mrs. H. Metcalfe and Mrs. J. Miller.

In Memoriam

CHESTER — In loving memory of a dear husband and father, George Chester, who passed away Dec. 18th, 1940.

—Ever remembered by wife and family.

Card of Thanks

We wish to express our heartfelt thanks to the many people who have so kindly extended sympathy and other help in our bereavement. The loss of our son Pto. Alex. Laba. Killed in Action on the European front, also to Mayor Johnson and the Town Council for their kind letter of condolence.

Wasyi Laba and family.

Help Wanted

There will be a lot of visitors in Grimsby and district over the Christmas weekend. Also there will be a lot of people who will "go visiting." We want all those social and personal items. Please send or phone in your items on Tuesday if possible. We will be pleased to receive reports on all other social events and entertainments. Get your copy in our office on Tuesday.

A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM RECTOR OF OLD ST. ANDREW'S

May this Christmas mean the Day of the War. It has been a long time and all have been pained by the sword.

The danger is that we accept the war with a degree of complacency. Even a little hatred in the heart is a heavy burden; the gross hatred stalking through all lands with bloody cruelty is a shameful and a scandalous condition. Where God is spurned and Christ is cursed, life is always brought to some such degradation.

Nor can man save himself from this. It requires the Divine assistance—"the help that is done upon earth. He doeth it Himself"—in His mightiest of mighty acts, His self-emptying of glory, His awful entry into our common life, His incarnation for us men and for our salvation from the evil that we do and its consequences.

Christmas proclaims that He has done this—that in God revealed by Christ lies the remedy for our worst ills, our mismanagement of things, the enlargements that frustrate our good intentions. Since the Incarnation, His life, His Sovereignty, is in the midst of it all. Christmas confronts us not so much with a beautiful story, but with a challenge to answer with complete sincerity the loving God who gave His Son that evening, knowing and believing Him we might be delivered from futility and damnation into abundant life and the fulness of joy.

May this Christmas mean the renewal of this faith and experience to us all, and it will be Merry Christmas indeed.

E. A. Brooks.

There are no many twists and turns to politics as there are to burlesque dancers.

Stockings Will Not Be Rationed

In an appeal for co-operation in stemming an unprecedented pre-Christmas rush for hosiery, Donald Gordon, Prices Board Chairman, announced last week that the Board is not considering rationing women's stockings.

"In this sixth year of war there are more pressing problems than that of producing unlimited quantities of full-fashioned stockings. The recent call from the Western Front for more guns and shells should make civilian consumers realize that war industries still must have priority on available manpower," Mr. Gordon said.

The Board has issued directives aimed at producing 3,000,000 dozen pair of stockings for the 12 month period in which manufacturers are now operating. The estimated civilian production for the full year of 1944 is 3,400,000 doz. pair, compared with an output of 3,455,000 dozen pair in 1943. Women's military stocking requirements for this year totalled 100,000 dozen pair.

TOMATOES CHOICE 2 1/2 lb. Tin 11c	NEW CHEESE 2 lb. 25c
PEAS STANDARD 20-oz. Tin 2 for 21c	SAGE 2 lb. 17c
BEANS Cut Green 20-oz. Tin 2 for 23c	POULTRY DRESSING 2 for 15c
OATS Old White 20-oz. Pkg. 17c	CATSUP AYLNER 20-oz. Btl. 12c
AYLMER PLAIN QUEEN OLIVES 6-oz. Jar 17c 16-oz. Jar 39c	MUFFETS QUAKER 2 Pkg. 17c
APPLE JUICE Mitchell's 20-oz. Tin 2 for 25c	GRAPE JUICE 16-oz. Btl. 23c
SAUCE Aylmer Strawberry 12-oz. Btl. 29c	SOUP Aylmer, Tom. or Veg. 2 Tins 15c

LARD Maple Leaf 17c	AYLMER WAFER PICKLES 16-oz. Jar 18c
OLD CHEESE 16-oz. Jar 35c	

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3 Loaves 20c

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BOKAR 35c

80 CLOCKS 1 lb. 29c

BUTTER SILVERBROOK FIRST GRADE 38c	DOMESTIC SHORTENING 19c
AYLMER Diced Carrots 16 fl. oz. 15c	Dehydrated Apples 1 lb. 7c
Campbell's Soup 2 tins 19c	(Vegetable, Pepper Pot, Celery)
Tomato Juice 3 tins 25c	AYLMER SLICED Yellow Peaches 20 fl. oz. 16c
CORN	
NIBLETS—Fancy Quality 2 1/4 fl. oz. tins 23c	AYLMER WHOLE CORN KERNELS—Fancy Quality 2 1/4 fl. oz. tins 23c
NIBLETS MEXICORN—Fancy Quality 1 1/4 fl. oz. tin 18c	

SLICED Beef Bologna 1 lb. 20c	FANCY—SHEEP CASINGS
Wieners 1 lb. 29c	Bacon rind off 1/2 lb. pkg. 26c
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FLORIDA ORANGES (PINEAPPLE VARIETY) 1/2 doz 170's 45c	
GRAPES CALIFORNIA Red Emperor 1 lb. 29c	
PINEAPPLES Fresh Cuban Jumbo 55c	
YAMS Texas, Selected Quality No. 1 Grade 11c	
APPLES B. C. Delicious 28 Size 5 for 23c	
CELERY STALKS Native, White 2 for 23c	
CARROTS Native, Washed, Tender 4 lb. 15c	
POTATOES Eastern Canadian No. 1 Grade 10 lb. 24c	
GRAPEFRUIT Texas Marsh Seedless 95 Size 3 for 17c	
LETTUCE Native Leaf Large Head 12c	

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Christmas Services, Dec. 24th, 1944

11 a.m.—Immanuel. 7 p.m.—Follow The Star.
Christmas Music — Christmas Carols
Christmas Messages — Christmas Decorations

Merry Christmas

DINE and DANCE

Taylor's Autotel OPEN CHRISTMAS NIGHT

— Admission 35c —



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Christmastide At St. Andrew's

Christmas Day at St. Andrew's will be marked by two services — 8.30 and 11 a.m. The music will be under the direction of Mr. Bertram Webster, organist and choir-master.

At the Choral Eucharist, the service will be sung to Goldsmith's setting. The anthem will be Churchill's "Behold, I bring you good tidings." Organ preludes: "Noel", "Gloria", "Christmas Pastoral", "Lefebure Wely", and "Christmas Chorus". Ashmall, Postlude: "Christmas March", Flugler. Communion Hymn: Soloist, Mrs. Layton. Sermon, the Rector.

Dec. 24th is the Fourth Sunday in Advent: Holy Communion at 8.30, Matins at 11 a.m. and at 7 p.m. the First Evensong of Christmas.

A Carol Service of the Seven Lessons will be the service at 11 a.m. on the Sunday after Christmas.

Grimsby Baptist Church

Rev. R. C. Stundervick, R.A. Pastor.

SUNDAY, DEC. 24th, 1944

10 a.m. — The Christmas Story in Pictograph by the Misses Chas.
11 a.m. — "Battles and Babies".
7 p.m. — Christmas Eve Candle-light and Carol Service.

Gospel Hall

Adelaide St., Grimsby

LORD'S DAY

Breaking of Bread — 11 a.m.
Sunday School — 2 p.m.
Gospel Meeting — 7 p.m.

Wednesday

Prayer Meeting and Bible Reading, 8 p.m.
— All Welcome —

St. John's Presbyterian Church

SUNDAY, DEC. 24th, 1944

Services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Sunday School 2:30 p.m.

SANTA CLAUS ISN'T STREAMLINED!

Praise be, that in a world of bewilderment, worries and work, we still have Santa Claus. For in Christmas there is all the reality of comradeship, all the happiness of sharing, all the healing peace of a truth that is as old as the earth and as new as tomorrow. With this glad hope we wish you

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

... AND ...

A HAPPY NEW YEAR

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AN EXCELLENT SELECTION OF NEW AND REPAIRED TOYS MADE BY SCOUTS

OPEN ALL NEXT WEEK—4-6 p.m., 7-8 p.m.



Some storm, for the Old Street.

Canmy Millyard directing traffic.

Norm Harris in his Eskimo Parka.

Of all things—Jerry Carson with a market basket on his arm.

Farmers from Over The Hill telling tall tales about the still taller snow drifts.

More snow than the old drag has had on it, at one time, since 1897. May it never happen again.

"Donny" Beamer and "Jimmy" Lawson driving a team and sleigh load of milk down the sidewalk to the Model Dairy.

Just imagine. Main Street, the heaviest motorized traffic small town street in all Canada being used as a sidewalk.

Model Dairy Beesleged. Bread trucks delivering to the stores surrounded. Another case of we never miss the Old Oaken Bucket until it springs a leak.

Women shoppers in slacks tucked in goshaws and rubber boots. Kerchiefs over their heads, the "old parka". All looked pretty smart and happy about it all.

Chairman of the Board of Works Howard Inglehart and Chairman of the Fire and Light, John Hewitt, in various consultation with Supt. Lawrie and Fire Chief LePage. Worried brow.

Eight foot snow banks on each side of a 10 foot wide, plowed through traffic lane, still there were plenty of motorists brainless enough to park their cars and walk away. Where did they expect passing traffic was going to go? Straight up?

Anything can happen these days, says a writer. What's more, it usually does happen.

The Red Cross

Canadian prisoners of war in Germany are entitled to two blankets in winter and one in summer, as well as one or more private blankets, according to a clarification of regulations received from the International Red Cross, Geneva, Norman C. Urquhart, Chairman of the Canadian Red Cross National Executive Committee, announces.

"With the approach of winter there has been a great deal of anxiety on the part of the next-of-kin of our troops detained in Germany as to living conditions in the internment camps, so we sought this clarification from the International Committee of the Red Cross," Mr. Urquhart said.

In an order passed in 1943 the German Government authorized where the camp officials find it impossible to supply two blankets to prisoners they are authorized to issue only one, but in such cases the dormitories must be heated night and day, the Chairman said.

"The German authorities have assured the International Red Cross that they recognized a prisoner of war's right of ownership over two next-of-kin blankets and that the prisoners may take their personal blankets with them as they are transferred to another camp."

In the past, Mr. Urquhart said, the Canadian Red Cross has provided next-of-kin with a blanket for parcels where they have not been in a position to supply one themselves. In view of the accuracy of the German Government, the Society has decided to continue this practice.

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Weather Warmer Than Last Year

Whatever may be the temperature on the day you read this item the fact remains that for the current year to the end of October the weather has been about 20° warmer than last year according to the weather records. About 15% of the year's degree days have now expired.

If you do a little arithmetic and multiply 15 by 20 you will see that a saving of about 3% of all coal used for heating purposes should have been made to date. If you have an automatic stoker you've probably saved at least 15% in coal over the neighbour who is still firing his furnace by hand—in dollar saving considerably more because of using lower-cost, higher-heat-value bituminous coal.

Now if in addition you have weatherstripped, installed storm doors and windows, cleaned your heater and added a dependable thermostat control you have saved considerably more than 3%. You may even have saved enough to offset your curtailed supply. By doing all these things to conserve fuel and by having the weatherman co-operate with warmer than normal weather, we may get by in better fashion than the pessimists were foretelling last summer. Let us hope so.

TOWNSHIP TAX PAYMENTS

Statement of taxes and interest collected from Jan. 1st to Dec. 15th, 1944:

CURRENT TAXES \$ 41,952.92
TAX ARREARS AND INTEREST 15,725.86
\$ 57,678.78

GENERAL INFORMATION

	1944	1943
Tax Roll	\$ 55,233.61	\$ 57,207.77
Tax Prepayments	11,153.56	10,457.88
Current Collections	41,952.92	43,772.40
Interest Paid on Prepayments	303.86	318.10
Arrears Collected	14,681.29	15,234.97
Interest Collected	1,074.36	994.82
Uncollected Current Taxes	13,281.59	13,435.37
Uncollected Arrears	4,833.14	8,438.28

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS

Two cents a word per insertion. Minimum charge each insertion 25 cents. Cash must accompany advertisement to guarantee insertion. A charge of ten cents is made for boxes.

FOR SALE

FOR SALE — Brooder House and Brooder. W. Flader, Telephone 177-W-2. 23-2p

FOR SALE — Set of Heavy Car Chains. Apply Jas. Armstrong, Grimsby. 24-1p

FOR SALE — Choice Christmas trees. Spruce and Scotch Pine. Also fresh cider and apples. Telephone 190. 23-2p

FOR SALE — 5000 Cedar Posts. All sizes. Apply to Kenneth Hall, R.R. 1, Mono Centre, eight miles north of Orangeville. 23-2p

FOR SALE — Quebec Heater with Oven. Used two winters. First Class condition. Apply 81 Murray, Phone 183. 24-2p

FOR SALE — Orders taken for Building and Silo Blocks; also Tile. Will deliver. Beamsville Concrete Block and Tile, Phone 230, Beamsville. 46-1fc

FOR SALE — Breakfast Suits. White with Black Capboard, sold separately if desired; Spencer Cook and Wood Stove, excellent condition, \$15.00; Baby Cradle, Floor Polisher, Doll's Cradle. Apply 50 Fairview Road. 23-1p

LOST

LOST — One Heavy Duty Tire Truck Chain on No. 8 Highway, west of Grimsby. Return to A. Hewson & Son. 24-1c

NOTICE

Re GARBAGE COLLECTION

There will be no collection of garbage throughout the town this week as the dump is still snow blocked.

HOWARD INGLEHART
Chairman Board of Works.

LOST

LOST — Blonde Cocker Spaniel puppy. Female. Please Telephone 77-W. 24-1c

WANTED

WANTED — Child's Sewing Machine. Apply Box 190. 24-1c

WANTED — Baby Sleigh in good condition. Telephone 194. 24-1p

WANTED — Young Puppy. Cheap. Apply Box 150, The Independent. 24-1p

WANTED — Used furniture, stoves, and farm implements. M. J. Swish, King St., Beamsville, Phone 230. 43-1fc

FEATHERS WANTED — Feathers and feather beds of all descriptions. Highest prices paid. Write particulars to Queen City Feather Co., 23 Baldwin St., Toronto. 2-18-p

MISCELLANEOUS

PAINTING AND PAPERHANGING — W. Twonock, Manston Apt. C, Phone 99w. 43-3p

INTERIOR PAINTING AND PAPERHANGING — A. J. Hayward, Phone collect, 340, Beamsville.

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Protect Your Home from Tuberculosis



THAT THIS BE A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND THE
COMING YEAR BE ONE OF PROSPERITY—
IS OUR SINCEREST WISH TO YOU.

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Yuletide Wishes



We wish to extend to one and all our best wishes for a most Happy Christmas and a Bright and Prosperous New Year. We deeply appreciate the pleasant relationships we have enjoyed with our many customers during the past year, and express the hope that they might be continued during 1945.

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Grimsby, Ont.

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IN THE WARM LIGHT OF THOSE WHO
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WHOM WE INCLUDE OURSELVES.

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Grimsby, Ontario



A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL, AND MAY 1945
FIND US CLOSER TO THAT GOAL OF UN-
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WHICH WE ARE ALL
STRIVING.

LAMPMAN'S ELECTRIC WELDING

149 Main, W.

PHONE 245

Grimsby

SPORT- OLOGY

Merry Christmas . . . The Bowlaway will be closed on Christmas Day. Little Whimsy is going to eat, drink and be merry . . . There is no howling in the Peach Queen's league this week, so the alleys will be free for open bowling on Thursday and Friday nights. There will be no howling in either league next week, so the alleys will be free for open bowling on all nights next week, except Christmas night. Lots of chance to get in some practice licks . . . Mert Zimmerman says that he wishes some of his good friends, if he has any, will give him a couple of hampers of corn-cobs for a Christmas present so he can make up a supply of new pipes during the winter . . . Girl bowlers were certainly going to town last week. Joey Shelton stepped to the front of the high scorers with a 585 and then along came Sweet Alice Neale and rolled a 583 and topped the evening off with a 799 triple. Some timber topping. Those are better scores by far than men are doing down in Thorold, where they think a 600 is almost unbeatable . . . The victory team were right at the bowling point last week, they had a three game total of 2932. Here's how 939—1138—853. Brother if that ain't legging in anybody's league, then what am . . . The most discontented man in town, guess who? You got it. Big Rushton. A pocket full of dough, but no rink and no hockey players. There just ain't no justice . . . Who ever drew up the Men's league schedule did so without figuring about all the headaches that would be around town on Hogmanay and scheduled the teams to play New Year's night. Now this has all been changed. There will be no games played in the league on New Year's night. Games will have to be worked in some other time. Monarchs and Pirates will play their game on Thursday night, Dec. 28, at 7.30. St. Joseph's and St. Andrew's will play on Wednesday night, Jan. 3rd, at 8 o'clock. Other teams wishing to arrange their games should notify The Bowlaway at once . . . The Bowlaway will be open for all bowlers, first come first served, from 1.30 until 11.45 p.m. every day next week except Christmas Day.

Peach Queens Bowling Scores

Elberta	585	581	599—2
Rochester	default	580	613—1
Vanguard	579	646	689—3
Vimy	593	702	598—3
Mayflower	838	744	828—3
South Haven	827	665	737—0
Golden Drops	646	649	579—0
Veterans	655	676	640—3
Victory	956	1138	855—3
Crawford	721	736	780—0
Ad. Dewey	647	763	818—0
Vedette	779	805	838—3
St. John	736	816	874—2
Viceroy	804	799	697—1
John Hale	649	548	582—0
Valiant	670	605	629—3

High single, A. Neale, 383.
High triple, A. Neale, 799.
High average, D. MacBride, 306.

Grimsby Men's Bowling League

Wednesday night, Dec. 13th			
Monarchs	1075	926	1026—4
Boulevard	878	761	834—0
Black Cats	909	1087	991—3
West End	508	870	909—1
Firemen	755	776	807—4
Sheet Metal			default

Monday Night, Dec. 18th			
Legion	761	945	816—0
Boulevard	936	906	919—4
Hep Cats	823	935	796—0
Monarchs	834	985	941—4
Sheet Metal	941	876	894—0
Pirates	975	1006	944—4
Butchers	968	826	862—3
St. Andrew's	796	956	753—1

Tuesday Night, December 19			
West End	914	882	849—0
Wonders	1061	1008	1018—4
Black Cat	760	1173	934—1
Generals	743	1503	953—3
St. Joseph's	881	825	867—1
Owls Club	900	845	836—3
Peach Kings	888	847	980—0
Gas House	930	916	1121—4

Some people get more pleasure out of voting against a man than they do voting for one.



**SANTA
GEORGE
SAYS:**

When the Wintry Winds Blow, it is always Warm and Cheery at The Bowlaway.

We will soon be two years old and to all our Good Friends and Regulars we wish . . .

A CHRISTMAS OF CHEER

... AND ...

A PROSPEROUS 1945

The Bowlaway Will Be **CLOSED** all Day
Christmas Day

YOURS FOR GOOD BOWLING

THE BOWLAWAY

GEORGE AND HELEN KANMACHER

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27th
8:30 p.m.**

Along with the Official Opening of

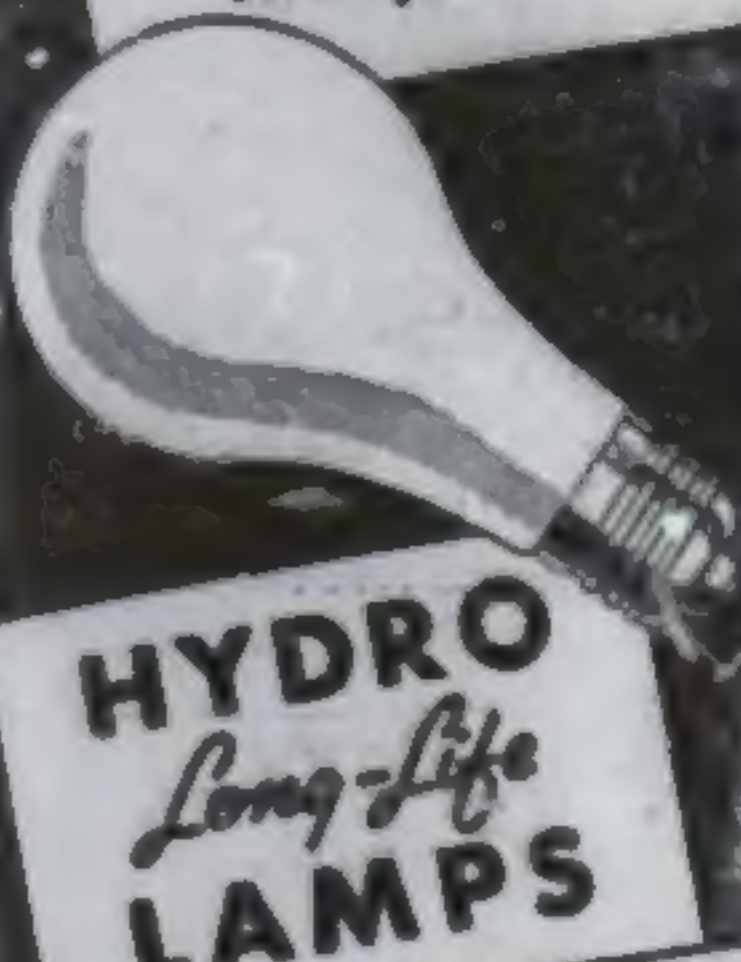
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CONTINUATIONS

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MAYOR JOHNSON
on the Village council. He was Reeve in 1912-13, thus being the first Reeve of Grimsby, whose father had been Reeve. (The late Thos. Johnson being Reeve from January until his death in May, 1897).

The "Little Mayor" enlisted and went overseas in the First Great War with the 95th Batt. and served in France with the 58th Batt. Upon his return from overseas he went to British Columbia where he resided for a number of years and then returned to Grimsby.

In 1937 he was elected Reeve and in 1938 stepped up to the Mayor's chair and thus became the first man to be a Mayor who had been Reeve, whose father had been Reeve before him.

He has served the town for seven years as Chief Magistrate without ever contesting an election which bespeaks volumes for the faith that the citizenry had in his ability to manage their affairs.

The retirement of Mayor Johnson has thrown things municipally more or less into a whirl. His resignation was entirely unexpected and now that a successor must be chosen at Nomination tomorrow night, everybody who takes an interest in municipal politics is more or less in a dither.

In his parting remarks to council Mayor Johnson said:

"I believe that part of our success during the past years has been our low tax rate, brought about by economy. That created building and improvements, they in turn created more taxes which helped to lower the rate. We must remember that. We must not let our tax rate get out of hand again. If our rate goes away up people will not buy lots and build here. They will go elsewhere and build where they will have all the conveniences that we have and the lower rate."

I believe that the bylaw creating a Water Commission should be repealed and the system operated by the council.

"There is going to be a big change in the school business, and that will make a difference in our taxes again. With all due respect to everybody, you must go carefully. That money that the Department of Education is putting up, must go to the citizens and not to the Board of Education. As near as I can figure from the information at hand, Grimsby's portion will amount to about 40 per cent of our school costs. You must return it to the ratepayer and not allow it to go into the schools' budget. I want to impress on you that that money is not for the Board of Education to spend. It must go back to the taxpayer."

"In closing, let me say. Make your budget carefully, sensibly, and above all, live up to it."

SNOW WILL SAVE
seems that there is a controversy of some proportions raging in this section over the question of whether there will be, or will not be, Sunday skating on the new outdoor ice rink being constructed next to the Beach school. As the school is also used as a Sunday school, a portion of the residents apparently are opposed to the rink being open on Sunday. Other residents want Sunday skating. As no one appeared before council they could take no action, particularly in view of the fact that all information they had was of a vague sort.

Despite the great banks of snow outside, water was the big topic of discussion before council. The old argument of how much water is the East End using. September and October consumption according to the meter readings and the water accounts presented to council by the Grimsby Water Commission, was in the neighbourhood of three million gallons a month. Council had the meter inspected and the Meter manufacturers proclaimed it 98 per cent perfect. Council then had the intricate dials on the meter changed to what they call the "straight reading" dial.

For the period of Nov. 10th to Dec. 2nd, the meter with the new dial read 489,000 gallons. Council will take the whole question up with Grimsby Commission.

Herb Gillespie, collector of water rates for the township, stated that as near as he could figure from totalling the readings of the individual water users' meters, for the yearly period from September 1st, 1943 to August 31st, 1944, a total of 10,000,000 gallons had been consumed and paid for by the residents.

At the present time there are 175 services on the east end system, Grimsby Beach being classed as one service as the township meters the water that goes into the Beach. West End system has 65 users.

Road Supt. Thos. Mackie failed to attend the meeting as he was



**GRAY
COACH
LINES**

**MERRY
CHRISTMAS
FRIENDS
and a
Happy New Year
to
Everyone**

blocked by his own snow-drifted roads.

The largest number of property transfers in the history of the township took place during 1944, according to Tax Collector James McIntosh, who stated that 175 transfers have taken place since the first of January.

Council passed a bylaw setting Friday, Dec. 22nd as Nomination Day, and appointing polling places, Deputy Returning Officers and Poll Clerks, as follows:

Grimsby Beach School — Booth A—Cecil Bell and Pat Jordan; Booth B—George Mould and Bert Greenwood.

Hagar's School — Glen Reineke, Harold Lake.

Alway's School—Lewis Hawkey, James Monaghan, Jr.

Kemp's School — Wm. Fairbrother, Ashley Elliott.

John Mills' House, Mountain Top — Wm. Pearson, Marcus Mills.

Balance of County Rate for 1944 of \$1,513.11, was ordered paid.

A grant of \$50 was made to the Navy League, and \$50 to the Telegram War Victims' Fund.

Street lighting costs for the quarter ending Nov. 30th — \$2 lights was \$152.73.

West End water consumption for November 200,000 gallons.

Township share of Fifth Division Court costs for 1944, was \$22.56.

Tax Collector McIntosh reported that up until the storm struck the district tax collections for the township were \$2,500 ahead of last year today (Friday) we are about even. Tax arrears are now reduced to \$5,000.

Truant Officer George Mould reported that there were 305 pupils in the six township schools. During September, October and November he only had two cases of truancy.

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Took Nazi Flag From German H.Q.

Pts. Alway Blanchard, son of Alway and Mrs. Blanchard, Fairview avenue, now serving on the European front with the 1st Canadian Scottish Regt. has recently sent to Miss Ruth Lindensmith some very interesting mementos of the war zone.

A large Nazi flag is the prize of the assortment. This flag was taken from the German Headquarters at Calais and is almost big enough to carpet a room.

He also sent several pieces of German and French money and many other trinkets of war.

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Notice to Creditors AND OTHERS

The Administratrix of FLORENCE ADA BEADLE, late of the City of Toronto, Widow, who died on the 8th day of June 1941, will distribute the assets of her estate after the 22nd day of December, 1944, having regard only to claims of creditors filed on or before that date with the undersigned.

GEO. V. P. SHAVER, 28 James Street South, Hamilton, Ontario, Solicitor for the Administratrix.

Township of North Grimsby

NOMINATION MEETING

A meeting of the Ratepayers of the Township of North Grimsby will be held on Friday, December 22nd, 1944, at 1 o'clock in the afternoon, at the Council Chambers in the Town of Grimsby, for the purpose of nominating Candidates for the offices of Reeve, Deputy Reeve and three Councillors for the Council of the Township of North Grimsby for the year 1945.

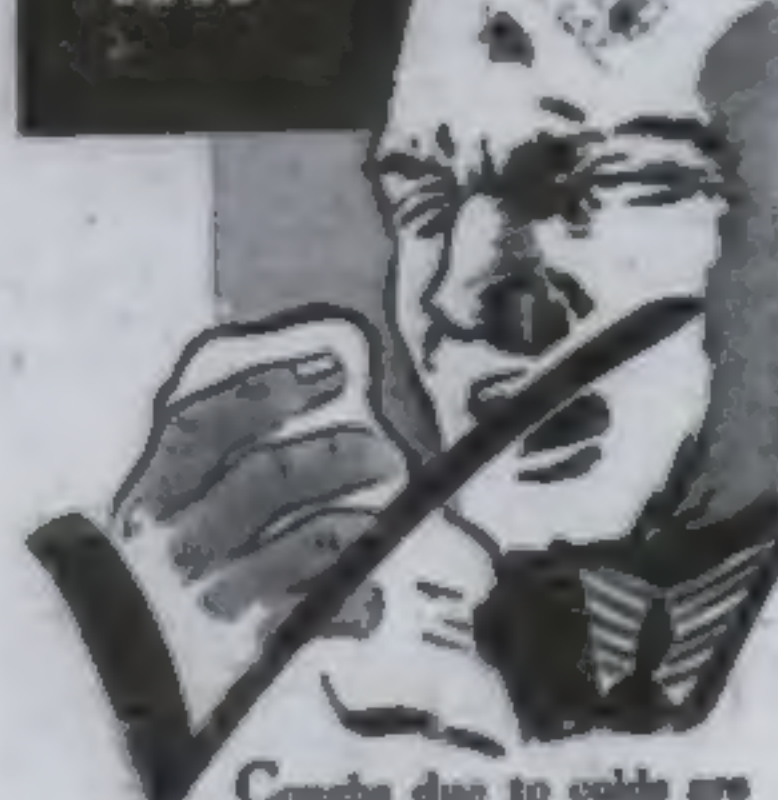
If more than enough candidates accept nomination to fill the various offices, the meeting will adjourn, and an Election will be held on Monday, January 1st, 1945.

Dated this 18th day of December, 1944.

THOS. W. ALLAN, Returning Officer.

CHECK THAT COUGH

DUE TO A COLD

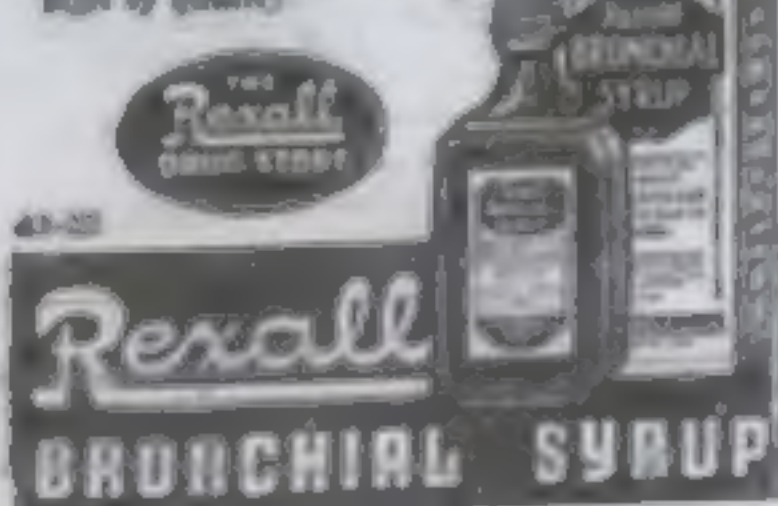


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BREVITIES

EVENTS and TOPICS of the WEEK in TABLOID

Merry Christmas.
Schools close tomorrow.
Today is, officially, the first day of winter.
Send your Christmas personal letters early.

The Bowls will be closed Christmas Day.

Taylor's Autotel will be open Christmas night.

Welland canal closed for the season on Friday night.

Pay attention to those No Parking signs on Main street.

County council, snowbound last week, is in session this week.

Monster Bingo, Hawke's Hall, Wednesday Night, December 27th.

Tomorrow is Nomination Day. Township in the afternoon. Town at night.

Look in at the Boy Scout display of Christmas toys, in the old Hillier store.

All places of business in Grimsby will be closed on Christmas day, including the liquor store and the beverage rooms.

So far, no fruit grower has bobbed up out of a snow drift with the Macdonald cry, "the peach crop is ruined."

There will be no garbage collection this week as it is still impossible for the garbage waggon to get into the town dump at the lake.

Lions Club theatre party for the kiddies at the Roxy on Saturday. Two shows. See schedule for different schools in another part of this paper.

Visit the Youth Centre, in Hawke's hall, and see for yourself what the Lions Club is doing to provide the kids with healthy amusement.

Orchids this week to Spencer Merritt of Robinson street south, who worked like a Trojan for a day and a half shovelling snow, so that the kiddies could have an open path to walk on to get to school.

Digging down in his own pocket for the money, Fire Chief LePage has purchased a quantity of grain to be spread out for the pheasants in the district who are unable to forage for themselves, owing to the depth of the snow.

Winona Legion Turkey Draw and Chicken Bingo, postponed from Friday, December 15th on account of weather, will be held Friday, December 22nd at 8.00 p.m. Proceeds in Aid of Christmas Tree for Service Men's Children.

Grimsby Fire Department held its annual social evening in the club rooms on Saturday night last. Ex-Chief Allan DeMills of St. Catharines and ex-fireman Albert "Shorty" Axworthy of Merrittown were among the guests of the evening.

In the month of October Canadians smoked a daily average of 32,836,000 cigarettes, which is a heap of smoke going up. This was calculated without allowance for Sundays, holidays or half-days. September set a record with an average of 35,040,000 daily. The month of October was the fifth month this year that monthly releases of cigarettes from bond for consumption hit the one-billion level.

By the time Gordon Hannah gets done with the Hotel Grimsby he will pretty nearly have a new hotel. Big work has been going on there for the past two months. Four new bedrooms have been added; painting and decorating and changing of the heating system, enlargement of the dining room and renovation of the kitchen preparatory to opening the dining room in the spring are just a few of things that have been happening.

The Cat's Meow

The British Women's Voluntary Services, which reports regularly for relief duty when flying bombs fall in the London area, served 706,000 meals to the bombed-out during the first crucial ten weeks.

These workers have seen many tragedies—and also the humorous side. One old lady after her apartment block had been blasted, came and asked the W.V.S. for a drop of milk. "I've always fed the cats around this part" she said, "and they might think something wrong if I stop now".

Arrives Home For Christmas

Corp. Cleland Caldwell, son of Mrs. Charles Caldwell, Dundas, and a nephew of the Norton family of Grimsby, is home for Christmas, having arrived in Toronto on Tuesday morning where he was met by his mother.

Corp. Caldwell was wounded in action in France last August suffering a severely shattered left arm. Previous to his enlistment he was an employee of The Royal Bank of Canada.

Cigarette Fund Gets Nice Sum

Kenneth Smith, R.R. No. 1, is going to live like a King for the next few days at least. He was the lucky winner of the big basket of groceries donated by Love's Grocery to the Cigarette Fund and drawn for on Saturday night.

Little Miss Betty Rummery, whose father Sergt. Joe Rummery is somewhere in Italy, drew the winning ticket.

"Cammy" Millyard was a hand supervising things and received the magnificent sum of \$38.45 for the Fund. Thanks, Jean and Mrs. Love.

Durham Will Be In The Field

At North Grimsby township council meeting on Friday last, Reeve Charles W. Durham and Deputy Reeve George W. Crittenden declared their intention to again stand for their respective offices for another year, if there is an election.

Councillor Wm. Mitchell stated that he would also stand for council, but only if there was not a younger man to take his seat. Councillor Nellies did not declare himself in any way and Councillor Cowan was absent.



The Management And Staff Of The Roxy Theatre, Grimsby Wish To Take This Opportunity To Extend Seasonal Greetings To All Our Many Friends And Patrons.

GEORGE SANDERS — LINDA DARNELL

"SUMMER STORM"

THURS., DEC. 21st — LAST DAY

FRI. - SAT., DECEMBER 22nd - 23rd

EDWARD G. ROBINSON

"MAN POWER"

MATINEE SATURDAY

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

MON.-TUES., DECEMBER 25th - 26th

RITA HAYWORTH — GENE KELLY

"Cover Girl"

ROXY Theatre

GRIMSBY — ONTARIO



For the 76th time!

Merry Christmas

It was in 1869 we first said "Merry Christmas" to our friends. In 1944, we repeat it for the 76th time. In happier days we might have made much of the occasion, but to-day our "Merry Christmas" is restrained, not in its warmth nor its sincerity, but in understanding of the hearts that are grieved and the homes where there is a vacant chair at the festive board. May they be comforted.

To our customers, our thanks at this time, for their patronage and helpful co-operation.

To our employees, deep appreciation of their loyal support.

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